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April 10, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218,
FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases,
I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases,
I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER,
with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER,
with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON,
with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with
aliases, I.O.#1241; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING - HARBORING OF FUGITIVES -
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

I am herewith transmitting by air mail to the Bureau the summary
reports of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10,
1935, on the following subjects who will be prosecuted at St. Paul, Minnesota,
on April 15, 1935:

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✓ HAROLD V. ALLDERTON
✓ WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON.

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the Chicago Office and one copy of each of the above noted reports to the
Jacksonville Office. It is observed that the Jacksonville Office has re-
quested two copies of the summary reports. It should be explained that only
ten copies of these reports were prepared on the first run in view of the
fact that only ten legible copies could successfully be made. In view of

this fact, only one report is available to the Jacksonville Office on each of the above mentioned subjects.

The Bureau will observe that two copies of the above mentioned reports have been designated for the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota. Two copies have been so designated in keeping with a specific request on the part of the United States Attorney for two copies of each report.

There is certain information which will be forwarded to the St. Paul Office before the trial of this case, but which was not available at the time of the preparation of these reports. Hence, a few additional witnesses will be written up in the form appearing in the above summary reports. When the names of these witnesses and their testimony is available to the St. Paul Office, inserts to the above mentioned reports will be prepared and all offices receiving copies of said reports will receive copies of the inserts to be placed in their proper order in said summaries.

The Bureau will observe that an alphabetical index has been prepared for the report of ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER. It was deemed advisable to prepare such an index in view of the voluminous character of said report. It was felt that an index would assist the United States Attorney in locating the information under each witness more expeditiously.

The Bureau will also observe that the summary report of ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER has been treated in detail in many instances. This was deemed advisable in view of the fact that there are numerous investigative reports of considerable value which have not been furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota. In view of that fact, it was believed appropriate to set out at greater length than is ordinarily done in summary reports certain evidence which will be available from various witnesses.

Very truly yours,

N. M. Ladd
D.M. LADD, *rec*
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota.

St. Paul FILE NO. 6-58

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/16 to 4/10/35	REPORT MADE BY: K.R. McIntire
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; MARY REPORT WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE ETON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

HAROLD V. ALLDERTON.

This summary is intended to present all the evidence available against HAROLD V. ALLDERTON.

A few days before Christmas, 1933, ALLDERTON was induced by FRED GOETZ to furnish his, ALLDERTON'S home, to GOETZ for the ostensible purpose of hiding out a couple of men who were fleeing from the law. Shortly before BREMER was brought to ALLDERTON'S home, ELMER FARMER brought ALVIN KARPIS to ALLDERTON'S place of residence, where FARMER and ALLDERTON escorted KARPIS through said house, the apparent object being to determine whether the accommodations would be suitable. At approximately midnight of January 17, 1934, Victim BREMER was brought to ALLDERTON'S home by ALVIN KARPIS and a party partially identified by ALLDERTON as WILLIAM WEAVER. At WEAVER'S direction, ALLDERTON prepared warm water to bathe BREMER'S head, which had been injured at the time of the abduction. During the entire time that BREMER was held at ALLDERTON'S home, HAROLD ALLDERTON purchased groceries, liquor, and newspapers, for the mob, bought gasoline, placing same in four five-gallon cans, which were provided by FARMER, cooked food for BREMER and members of the gang and was present when BREMER was taken from the hideout house on February 7, 1934. ALLDERTON, at GOETZ' request, also rented the garage of EDWARD "BIDDY" BISHOP for the storage of a car belonging to the gang.

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During the time BREMER was held in ALLDERTON'S home, ALLDERTON observed the following persons at his home, ALVIN KARPIS, "DOC" BARKER, FRED BARKER, BYRON BOLTON, FRED GOETZ, WILLIAM WEAVER, HARRY CAMPBELL, and KIMER FARMER. As compensation for his services, ALLDERTON received from FRED GOETZ \$1,000.00.

On January 17, 1935, ALLDERTON was arrested by agents of this Bureau at Kokomo, Indiana, voluntarily accompanying said agents to Chicago, Illinois.

On January 20, 1935, ALLDERTON was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, after waiving all removal proceedings.

On January 22, 1935, ALLDERTON and others, was indicted in St. Paul, Minnesota, the first indictment charging him with having, between December 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934, conspired to violate the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped or otherwise unlawfully detained, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, to kidnap the victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, and transport him from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and there hold him for and demand a ransom of \$200,000.00.

On January 22, 1935, a second indictment was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, against ALLDERTON, together with others, charging that ALLDERTON did, in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, transport by automobile the kidnaped victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and having transported him, held him for ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00.

On January 24, 1935, ALLDERTON'S bond was fixed at \$50,000.00 in default of which he was removed to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota.

On April 2, 1935, ALLDERTON was arraigned before the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, entering a plea of not guilty to the above charges. Trial was set for April 15, 1935.

The return of the indictments on January 22, 1935, will cause the Statute of Limitations to cease operating as of that date.

WITNESSES.

The summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, containing all available evidence against ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, also contains all available evidence against HAROLD V. ALLDERTON. Consequently, in order to avoid repetition, no evidence is being set out under the name of each witness, but the page number of the above mentioned report is noted after each witness. All the necessary evidence can be found on such pages.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 8 to 20.

This witness will testify to his abduction, his being held at the hideout, and his release.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will introduce and identify photographs of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

WALTER MAGEE,
1916 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of various ransom notes and also as to the delivery of the ransom money on February 6, 1934.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,
855 West Seventh Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom letters, will identify the signature of his son on the ransom letters, and will state that he authorized the preparation of the ransom money.

FRED J. CODE, Comptroller,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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AND

P. A. SMITH, Cashier,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the BREMER ransom money.

HEUREN GROSSMAN,
R.F.D., Portage, Wisconsin.

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This witness will testify as to the finding of the four gasoline cans near his farm.

WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON,
Ramsey County Jail,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 105 to 111

This witness will testify as to the various members of the BARKER-KARPIS GANG he saw at the hideout in Bensenville, Illinois; also, that he saw BREMER taken from the hideout house by "DOC" BARKER on the morning of February 7, 1934, and placed in the automobile of FRED GOETZ.

R.C. SURAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

AND

W.C. RYAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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These witnesses will testify that they secured a signed statement from HAROLD V. ALDERTON, at Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 1935. The original of this signed statement is being furnished to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

R.N. PRANKE, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

AND

W.R. LORRY, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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These witnesses will testify that on January 18, 1935, they secured a signed statement from HAROLD V. ALLDERTON, the original of which will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

JOHN E. BRENNAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to certain oral admissions made to him in the presence of Victim BREMER by HAROLD V. ALLDERTON at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify to the same as Special Agent J.E. Brennan, noted above.

HERMAN C. BAUCKE,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

PAGES 121 and 122.

This witness will testify that he is the owner of the house in which BREMER was held in Bensenville and will furnish details corroborating BREMER'S story of the kidnaping.

MRS. EDWARD REED MOSCHEL,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will give details corroborating the story of Victim BREMER as to his being held at the Bensenville, Illinois, hideout.

EDWARD REED MOSCHEL,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

PAGES 126 and 127.

This witness will also furnish details corroborating the story of Victim BREMER relative to his being held at the Bensenville, Illinois, hideout.

MRS. EDWARD R. BISHOP,
323-5th Street,
Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

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This witness will testify as to the renting of her garage to ALLDERTON during the BREMER kidnap period.

LYNN CORNELL,
109 Wood Street,
P.O. Box 254,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to his visit to ALLDERTON'S home during the kidnap period.

EDWARD BISHOP, JR.,
323-5th Street,
Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

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This witness will testify as to the delivery of magazines and papers to ALLDERTON'S home during the time BREMER was held there.

EARL BOSENBERG, Superintendent,
Meter Department, Western Division,
Public Utilities Company of Northern Illinois,
1701 South First Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

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This witness will produce records showing the amount of electrical consumption through ALLDERTON'S meter during the Minap period.

MICHAEL CHALADY,
Seventh Avenue and River Street,
Fairview, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to having read the ALLDERTON meter and having noted a tremendous rise in consumption of electricity at that house during the period January 18, 1934, to February 16, 1934.

JAMES RILEY,
915 South Fifth Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that he rechecked the meter at ALLDERTON'S home for the period January 18, 1934 to February 16, 1934.

GEORGE BOLDEBUCK,
Assistant Fire Chief,
132 North Center Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to the blowing of the fire siren at Bensenville, Illinois, on January 29, 1934.

W.A. ERNSTING,
170 Mason Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will produce the fire records of Bensenville, Illinois, showing that the fire siren did blow on January 29, 1934.

D.F. SULLIVAN,
188 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

PAGES 136 and 137.

This witness will testify as to the various sounds that can be heard in the vicinity of the BREMER hideout in Bensenville, Illinois.

ADRIAN ELLIS,
Chief Clerk to the General Foreman
of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul
Roundhouse, at Bensenville, Illinois.
(This witness should be subpoenaed through
LAWRENCE BENSON, Chief Special Agent of the
Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad
Company, Chicago, Illinois.)

PAGES 138 and 139.

This witness will also testify as to the sounds that can be heard in the vicinity of the BREMER hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

W.H.DALEY, Manager,
Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company,
Elmhurst, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to the purchase of groceries by
ALLDERTON.

WALTER REHR,
Mannenback's Food Store,
124 North York Street,
Elmhurst, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to the purchase of meat by
ALLDERTON.

C.BOGART,
Mannenback's Food Store,
124 North York Street,
Elmhurst, Illinois.

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This witness will also testify as to ALLDERTON'S purchasing groceries at the above store.

R.C.SURAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to having secured a piece of wall paper from the BREMER room in the hideout house at Bensenville, Illinois.

D.M.LADD, Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to having received the wall paper from R.C.Suran, Special Agent.

J.E.BRENNAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify relative to receiving the wall paper from Special Agent in Charge D.M.Ladd and delivering same to the St. Paul Office.

J.L.MADALA, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to the removal of the toilet handle
on the first floor of the ALDERTON home in Bensenville, Illinois.

JOHN FIERNEY, Superintendent,
Identification Bureau,
St. Paul Police Department,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will produce and identify photograph of WILLIAM
WEAVER.

C.W.WILSON, Record Clerk,
Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas.

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This witness will produce and identify photographs of FRED BARKER
and ALVIN KARPIS.

HARRY J. RIMBACK,
473 Truman Boulevard,
Hammond, Indiana, or
Police Department,
Hammond, Indiana.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of WILLIAM
HARRISON.

C.C. WEST,
Coalgate, Oklahoma.

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This witness will produce and identify the photographs of WILLIAM
WEAVER and VOLNEY DAVIS.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of ARTHUR
BARKER.

W.H. MORGAN,
c/o Identification Bureau,
Police Department,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This witness will produce and identify the photograph and negative
of the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL, Tulsa Police Department #1846, and will
testify that he personally took this photograph on December 25, 1920.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

The following criminal record of HAROLD V. ALLDERTON, was obtained from Subject ALLDERTON, on his own admission:

Arrested SO, Marion, Indiana, in 1923, charge, alimony and non-support; disposition to pay \$5.00 a week.

Arrested SO, Bensenville, Illinois, 1927, charge alimony and non-support; disposition to pay \$5.00 a week.

Arrested SO, Wheaton, Illinois, January, 1927, charge in gambling raid; disposition, released.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., reflect no previous criminal record for Subject ALLDERTON.

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota.

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FILE NO. 9-30

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota,	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/15 to 4/10/35	REPORT MADE BY: K.R. McIntire
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SUMMARY REPORT.

PHILIP J. DELANEY

This summary is intended to present all of the evidence available against PHILIP J. DELANEY.

On or about April 15, 1934, PHILIP DELANEY was induced by JOHN J. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN to assist him, McLAUGHLIN, in disposing of considerable quantities of BREMER ransom money, which money was known to DELANEY to be "hot" money. DELANEY furnished his automobile, taking McLAUGHLIN and WILLIAM E. VIDIER to numerous banks in Chicago, Illinois, where the ransom money was to be exchanged. He also drove McLAUGHLIN to a point in close proximity to the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, where McLAUGHLIN conducted his ransom negotiations with RUSSELL GIBSON, DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN, and OLIVER A. BERG. DELANEY was given quantities of BREMER ransom money in thousand dollar lots, by McLAUGHLIN, to be exchanged and he did exchange approximately \$24,000.00 of such money for unmarked money at the Mutual National Bank, 7844 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois. DELANEY continued to assist in the exchange of the ransom money until April 27, 1934, when he was arrested with JOHN J. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, at the latter's home at 3523 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, by Chicago Bureau agents.

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On April 28, 1934, a complaint was filed against DELANEY, and others, in St. Paul, Minnesota, charging DELANEY with conspiracy to violate the Kidnap Statute. On April 30, 1934, a complaint was filed against DELANEY in Chicago. He was arraigned on the same date, entering a plea of not guilty, bond being fixed at \$75,000.00.

On May 4, 1934, a true bill of indictment was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, against DELANEY charging him, and others, with having conspired to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom, one, EDWARD G. BREMER. On May 15, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, DELANEY'S bond was reduced to \$25,000.00, and on May 21, 1934, he was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota. On October 31, 1934, DELANEY was released at St. Paul, Minnesota, on a \$5,000.00 personal recognizance bond.

The return of the indictment against DELANEY, at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, will cause the statute of limitations to cease operating as of that date.

On January 22, 1935, an additional indictment was returned against DELANEY, and others, at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging conspiracy to kidnap EDWARD G. BREMER, to transport him in interstate commerce, and to demand \$200,000.00 ransom for his release.

On April 2, 1935, DELANEY was arraigned before the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, entering a plea of not guilty. Bond was fixed at \$25,000.00 in default of which he was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota. The trial date was set for April 15, 1935.

WITNESSES.

In view of the fact that numerous witnesses who may be used against DELANEY, in order to make a complete case against him, and testimony expected from each has been set out at length in the summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which summary deals with ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, no effort will be made to duplicate such information in this report. Witnesses who have already been reported on are being referred to by page number, such pages being found in the above mentioned report.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 8 to 20.

This witness will testify as to the actual kidnaping on the morning of January 17, 1934, his being transported for a considerable distance that day, being held in the hideout house, and his actual release on February 7, 1934.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bakers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that he, personally, secured the photographs of the interior and exterior of the hideout house at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois. He will be able to present and identify the photographs and negatives.

WALTER MAGKE,
1916 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 32 to 35.

This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom notes and as to the actual delivery of the ransom money on the night of February 6, 1934, in keeping with demands contained in said ransom notes.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,
855 West Seventh Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will identify the signature of his son, the Victim, on various ransom notes he received. He will also testify that he authorized the preparation and the payment of the ransom money.

FRED J. CODE, Comptroller,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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P. A. SMITH, Cashier,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the \$200,000.00 in ransom money and also as to the manner in which the ransom list was prepared.

R. D. BROWN, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg., P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on April 27, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, he secured a signed statement from PHILIP DELANEY, the substance of which is as follows:

That DELANEY admitted that he had known McLAUGHLIN for about twenty-five years; that on or about April 17, 1934, when DELANEY called for McLAUGHLIN at the latter's home, DELANEY met a man with McLAUGHLIN called "BILL" (WILLIAM E. VIDLER); that McLAUGHLIN then instructed DELANEY to drive him (McLAUGHLIN) and BILL to the north side of Chicago to some address which was near a bank; that at this point, McLAUGHLIN gave BILL a package of money; that the conversation with reference to this money did not take place at this time; that BILL got out of the car and proceeded to the bank near the point where said parties had parked; that when BILL returned, he said, "The money is all right"; that DELANEY believes that VIDLER took in said bank a package of \$5 and \$10 bills, approximately \$1,000.00; that said parties then drove to the Loop where BILL stopped at numerous banks and exchanged several packages of \$5 and \$10 bills into bills of larger denominations.

That about noon of that date, McLAUGHLIN gave DELANEY a package containing \$4,000.00 in \$5 and \$10 bills; that DELANEY took this money to the Mutual Bank, located in the 7800 block on South Halsted Street, where DELANEY changed this money into larger denominations and then turned the good money over to McLAUGHLIN.

That on April 19, 1934, DELANEY again called McLAUGHLIN home, picking him up and proceeding to a point located in the vicinity of Lawrence and Ashland Avenues, Chicago, Illinois, where they picked up BILL (VIDLER); that they then visited two or three more banks on the north side of Chicago, name and address of banks not recalled, where BILL (VIDLER) would enter the banks and change a quantity of the \$5 and \$10 bills into larger denominations; that on this date, he (DELANEY) drove to the Mutual Bank and again changed \$4,000.00 in \$5 and \$10 bills, which were given to him by McLAUGHLIN, changing these bills into bills of larger denominations, then turning the money over to McLAUGHLIN.

That on Friday, April 20, 1934, DELANEY again called for McLAUGHLIN at the latter's home where he also picked up BILL (VIDLER); that BILL again called at several banks, changing more of the "hot" money; that on this day, DELANEY again drove to the Mutual Bank and changed \$4,000.00 of the "hot" \$5 and \$10 bills into bills of larger denominations, turning said money over to McLAUGHLIN.

That on Saturday, April 21, 1934, DELANEY again picked up McLAUGHLIN at the latter's home and met BILL (VIDLER) at an appointed place, at which time BILL again changed a quantity of the money at various banks; that on this date, DELANEY again went to the Mutual Bank where he changed \$4,000.00 of the "hot" \$5 and \$10 bills, turning said money over to McLAUGHLIN.

That on Monday, April 23, 1934, DELANEY again picked up McLAUGHLIN at the latter's home, meeting BILL (VIDLER) at an appointed place; that BILL again changed some of the "hot" money given him by McLAUGHLIN at various banks; that on this date, DELANEY again changed \$4,000.00 of the "hot" \$5 and \$10 bills into good money at the Mutual Bank.

That on April 24, 1934, DELANEY again called for McLAUGHLIN at the latter's home, later meeting BILL (VIDLER) at an appointed spot; that at this time, BILL again called at numerous banks, some of which banks refused to make a further exchange for BILL (VIDLER); that they then drove to the Mutual Bank, where DELANEY again exchanged \$4,000.00 of the "hot" \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills, and gave this money to McLAUGHLIN.

That when driving to the Mutual Bank, DELANEY usually parked his car at 79th Street and Emerald Avenue, where BILL (VIDLER) and McLAUGHLIN would wait in the car until DELANEY returned with the good money.

That nearly every day, after changing the money, McLAUGHLIN would instruct DELANEY to drive to Irving and Cicero Avenues, Chicago, Illinois, and McLAUGHLIN would get out of the car and disappear, returning in about twenty minutes; that McLAUGHLIN never advised where he went.

That McLAUGHLIN told DELANEY that the money BILL (VIDLER) and DELANEY were changing was "hot" money but did not state where he (McLAUGHLIN) had obtained it or what connection it had with any particular case; that DELANEY advised this agent that he (DELANEY) had an idea in his own mind that the money was coming from some mob who had robbed a bank.

The substance of the above information is contained in a signed statement secured from PHILIP DELANEY by Special Agent R. D. Brown at Chicago, Illinois, on April 27, 1934, the original of which statement has been forwarded to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

M. P. GLYNN, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building, P. O. Box 812
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on or about May 3, 1934, he interviewed PHILIP DELANEY at the Cook County jail, Chicago, Illinois, with regard to the money which DELANEY had exchanged at the Mutual National Bank, 7844 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, in an effort to have DELANEY go to said bank and point out the teller who had exchanged the money for DELANEY; that at this time, DELANEY stated to this witness that he (DELANEY) believed that when he had the money exchanged, he was of the opinion that the teller who exchanged the money for him was "fixed".

This witness will further state that, after obtaining information from DELANEY to the effect that the latter had exchanged \$24,000.00 in BREMER ransom money at the Mutual National Bank, 7844 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, he conducted an investigation at the said bank and examined all of the currency in the teller's cages and in the bank vault and that he found the following \$5.00 bills, which he checked against the BREMER ransom money lists and found it to be ransom money:

I00663177-A
I00061338-A
I00056421-A
I00469065-A
I00405296-A
I00237071-A
I00408042-A
I00067200-A
I00454602-A
I00325378-A

These bills were not retained by this witness, or by the Mutual National Bank. In this work, Agent Glynn was assisted by Special Agent A.H. Johnson of the Chicago Bureau Office.

HARRY G. SAINT,
3101 Avenue G,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

This witness will state that he is a police officer of the Council Bluffs Police Department, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and he will identify PHILIP DELANEY as being identical with the person who was arrested at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on November 17, 1927, on the charge of illegal possession and transportation of liquor, being fined \$786.50 on January 23, 1928.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

The following criminal record of PHILIP J. DELANEY, with aliases, was obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.:

As PHILLIP DELANEY alias PHILLIP DELANEY, alias PHILIP DELANEY, #5410, Police Department, Council Bluffs, Iowa, arrested November 17, 1927; charge, illegal possession and transportation of liquor; fined \$786.50 on January 23, 1928.

As PHIL DELANEY, #12372, U.S. Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, arrested April 30, 1934; charge, conspiracy - kidnaping.

Additional alias: Philip J. Delaney.

A properly certified copy of the Court judgment in the District Court of Iowa, in and for Pottawattamie County, Iowa, against PHILIP DELANEY, dated January 23, 1928, has been secured and is being furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota.

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/16 to 4/10/35	REPORT MADE BY: K.R. McIntire
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1238; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O.#1240, MARY REPORT WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT.JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR.

This summary is intended to present all of the evidence available against JOHN JOSEPH "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, SR.,

On or about the middle of April, 1934, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN was induced by DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN to handle and exchange large quantities of BREMER ransom money. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN secured the services of PHILIP J. DELANEY and WILLIAM E. VIDLER, in exchanging approximately \$50,000.00 of this money at the various banks in Chicago, Illinois. In this scheme, McLAUGHLIN secured the ransom money through DR. MORAN, RUSSELL GIBSON, and OLIVER A. BERG, at Room 210 of the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois where the ransom money was delivered to him by "DOC" BARKER, who, at times, was accompanied by HARRY CAMPBELL and, at other times, was accompanied by VOLNEY DAVIS. McLAUGHLIN continued to assist in changing this money until April 27, 1934, when he and PHILIP DELANEY were arrested at McLAUGHLIN'S home at 3523 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. On April 27, 1934, a complaint was filed against McLAUGHLIN, at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging McLAUGHLIN, SR., and others, with conspiracy to violate the Kidnap Statute. A complaint was also filed against McLAUGHLIN, SR., in Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 1934. McLAUGHLIN was arraigned on April 28, 1934, entering a plea of not guilty at which time his bond was fixed at \$100,000.00. On May 4, 1934,

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McLAUGHLIN was indicted, at St. Paul, Minnesota, the indictment charging ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases; JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN; WILLIAM E. VIDLER; ROY GRAY alias "SLIM" alias MR. SMITH; "IZZY" alias MR. JONES, who is described as being 45 to 50 years of age; 5'9" tall; weighing 165 to 170 pounds; having pock marked cheeks and a large nose; JOHN DOE, who is described as being 30 to 35 years of age; 5'10" tall; weighing 140 pounds; and having a light complexion; RICHARD ROE, who is described as being 40 years of age; 5'10" tall; weighing 165 pounds; having sandy hair; FRANKIE WRIGHT; and PHILIP J. DELANEY, with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom, one, EDWARD G. BREMER.

On May 15, 1934, McLAUGHLIN'S bond was reduced in Chicago, Illinois, to \$30,000.00, and he was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 21, 1934.

The indictment of May 4, 1934, will cause the statute of limitations to cease operating as of that date.

On November 2, 1934, after having been held in the Ramsey County Jail, at St. Paul, Minnesota, since May 21, 1934, McLAUGHLIN was released on a \$5,000.00 personal recognizance bond.

On January 22, 1935, an additional indictment was returned against McLAUGHLIN, and others, at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging conspiracy to kidnap EDWARD BREMER, to transport him in interstate commerce, and to demand \$200,000.00 ransom for his release.

On April 2, 1935, McLAUGHLIN was arraigned before the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, entering a plea of not guilty. The Court increased his bond to \$25,000.00 in default of which McLAUGHLIN was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota. The trial date was set for April, 15, 1935.

WITNESSES.

The summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, deals with ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER and carries many of the witnesses and the complete testimony of each which would be used against "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN. In order to avoid repetition, reference is therefore being made to the above mentioned report by page number, wherein will be found the testimony of certain witnesses, which will make a complete case against "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to his kidnaping on January 17, 1934, his being held in the hideout house, and his actual release on February 7, 1934.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to photographing the interior and exterior of the hideout house at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois, and will be able to produce pictures and negatives.

WALTER MACKER,
1916 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of said ransom notes
and the actual delivery of the ransom money on the night of February 6, 1934.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.
835 West Seventh Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of numerous ransom notes in this case, and will identify the signature of his son, the victim, on several of the ransom notes. Will also testify as to his authorizing the preparation and the payment of the ransom money in the sum of \$200,000.00.

FRED J. CODE, Comptroller,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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AND

P. A. SMITH, Cashier,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the \$200,000.00 in ransom money and also as to the manner in which the ransom lists were prepared.

JAMES J. WILSON,
Ramsey County Jail,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to seeing "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN in company with HUSKELL GIBSON, OLIVER A. BERG, and DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, in the latter's room, Room 210, in the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, where ransom money negotiations took place.

OLIVER A. BERG,
Inmate, Joliet Penitentiary,
Joliet, Illinois.

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This witness will state that he, together with "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, RUSSELL GIBSON, "DOC" BARKER, and DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, conducted certain ransom money negotiations in room 210 of the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois; that "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN was instrumental in the changing of approximately \$50,000.00 of the ransom money.

JAMES FRANKLIN, Bellboy,
Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to the association of OLIVER A. BERG, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, JAMES J. WILSON, RUSSELL GIBSON, and "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, at the said hotel during the month of April, 1934.

ALVINA RICHMAN,
Room 9-E, Sheridan-Eastwood Hotel,
4641 Sheridan Road,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness was housekeeper at the Irving Hotel during April, 1934, and will testify as to the close association of MORAN, BERG, WILSON, GIBSON, and McLAUGHLIN, at the Irving Hotel during April, 1934.

JOSEPH T. REEVES, Chief Clerk,
Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to the registration of Dr. JOSEPH P. MORAN and JAMES J. WILSON in Room 210 of the above hotel during the months of January, February, March, and April, 1934.

R. D. BROWN, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg., P. O. Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on Saturday, April 28, 1934, he interviewed JOHN J. (BOSS) McLAUGHLIN at the Cook County jail; that at that time he advised McLAUGHLIN that McLAUGHLIN'S son was in custody; that BREMER ransom money had been found in his possession; at which time McLAUGHLIN, SR., remarked, "Jimmie is not guilty of anything and he did not know that the money I gave him was 'hot'. If he was found with some 'hot' money in his possession, I must have given it to him but I did not realize I gave him any of the 'hot' \$5 and \$10 bills. You (meaning Agent Brown) remind me a great deal of Jimmie, and I want to tell you I realize I am in the middle. I am willing to take whatever the consequences may be, but I want that boy to go home to night."

This witness will further advise that McLAUGHLIN then stated that he has known one FRANKIE WRIGHT, a confidence man, who has operated in Chicago and various midwest cities for the past twenty-five years; that he met WRIGHT about three weeks ago in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel in Chicago and WRIGHT called him over to the corner of the lobby and advised him he expected to have some 'hot' money in a few days and asked McLAUGHLIN if he would like to handle some of it; that about three weeks later, McLAUGHLIN again met WRIGHT in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel and WRIGHT then informed him that the money was in town; that they then proceeded to a hotel located on the south side of the street in the middle of the block, near the corner of Irving Park Boulevard and Cicero Avenue (Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois); that upon arriving at this hotel, they walked into the lobby, up the stairway, turned right at the top of the stairs and proceeded down the full length of the hall to the last room on the left, which McLAUGHLIN believes to have been room No. 209 (correct number 210); that upon entering the room, WRIGHT introduced McLAUGHLIN to two men as MR. JONES and MR. SMITH, or some such assumed names; that WRIGHT told these two men that McLAUGHLIN was O.K.; that after some conversation, the men then informed him (McLAUGHLIN) that they had some 'hot' money, but that they failed to state the nature or identity of the 'hot' money which they wished to unload in Chicago; that at this time McLAUGHLIN did not make any specific inquiry concerning the money but that an agreement was made whereby he was to change the money which was in the form of \$5 and \$10 bills into bills of large denominations and that he was to receive a 5% commission on all money thus changed.

That McLAUGHLIN further advised this witness that arrangements were made whereby the 'hot' money could be either delivered to his, McLAUGHLIN'S home and same would be picked up at this hotel (Irving Hotel) and that at the

end of the day, the changed money (good money) would be delivered to these two men at this hotel; that before the money was delivered at night, McLAUGHLIN was to call these two men and advise them he was coming up.

That McLAUGHLIN advised this witness that he got in touch with PHILIP DELANEY and WILLIAM E. VIDLER, old friends, who were very familiar with Chicago and who were at that time out of work and in need of assistance and informed them that he was disposing of some 'hot' money and wanted them to assist him; that DELANEY had a car and had for several months previous to this time driven him (McLAUGHLIN) to various points in Chicago.

That McLAUGHLIN advised this witness that he started handling the money on or about April 18, 1934, and that VIDLER and DELANEY did all the changing at the various banks, while he (McLAUGHLIN) sat in the car; that he (McLAUGHLIN) is unable to recall the name and location of the various banks but stated that they visited many of them; that at this time, McLaughlin insisted that VIDLER and DELANEY did not know that the money was kidnap money at any time but must have realized that the same was 'hot'; that the changing of the money continued for three or four days and he, McLAUGHLIN, sometimes delivered money directly to the hotel (Irving Hotel) and sometimes would call the two men at the hotel and he would be met outside of the hotel and would be requested to follow the younger of the two men, who was driving a Ford V-8 Coupe, (RUSSELL GIBSON) to a point located about two and a half blocks from the hotel; that the route taken would be to follow east on Irving Park Boulevard for about a block or a block and a half, at which point they would turn to the right on a street which follows the Northwestern Railroad tracks and proceed about half a block, where he would pay over the money he had; changed that day.

(McLAUGHLIN drew a diagram for this witness showing the route followed as above described and the same is being furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul.)

That McLAUGHLIN advised this witness that with reference to the two men with whom he dealt at the hotel above mentioned, McLAUGHLIN stated that one of the men was tall (RUSSELL GIBSON) and the other short (OLIVER BERG); that the tall man was called "SLIM" by his companion, but he does not know any more true or correct name for him; that the short man, who appeared to be of Jewish origin, was called "IZZY" (OLIVER BERG); that "SLIM" usually referred to his companion, the short man, as "PAL"; that at this time, McLAUGHLIN gave

this witness the following description of "SLIM":

Age:	28 to 30 years
Height:	5 feet, 11½ inches
Weight:	150 pounds
Build:	Slim
Hair:	Sandy
Eyes:	Fiery
Complexion:	Sallow
	Seemed to have slightly stiff left arm.
	Slim face
Clothing:	Generally wore a gray hat and light tan topcoat

That McLAUGHLIN described "IZZY" as follows:

Age:	45 to 50 years
Height:	5 feet, 8 or 9 inches
Weight:	165 to 170 pounds
Build:	Medium heavy, broad shoulders, slightly corpulent
Eyes:	Dark
Glasses:	Wore nose glasses when reading
Nose:	Unusually large
	Pock marks on cheek

That McLAUGHLIN advised the witness that when he first met "SLIM" and "IZZY", which was at the hotel above mentioned, he gathered from their conversation that they were from Toledo, Ohio; that McLAUGHLIN advised that after he had disposed of money on three or four consecutive days, he saw "IZZY" and "SLIM" at their room in the aforementioned hotel, at which time he was curious to learn the identity of the money which he was handling due to the fact that there appeared to be an unlimited supply of it, and that he asked "SLIM" if it was kidnap money and whether it was money from the kidnaping of HAMM in St. Paul; that "SLIM" either said, "Yes" or indicated in some way that it was; that "SLIM" stated that they had \$100,000.00 they wanted to get rid of as soon as possible, within a week if possible; that after that was gone, he thought they would be able to get \$200,000.00 more; that McLAUGHLIN then asked if the \$200,000.00 would be BREMER money; that he did not receive any answer to this question but somehow or other got the impression that the \$200,000.00 would be BREMER money; that at this point, McLAUGHLIN advised that

he believed he was handling money obtained for the release of WILLIAM HAMM, JR., that he (McLAUGHLIN) estimated that he had exchanged in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00 before his apprehension.

The witness will further advise that on the following day, April 29, 1934, he again interviewed "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN at the Cook County jail, accompanied by Special Agent M. C. Falkner; that at this time, McLAUGHLIN rehearsed a portion of the above noted oral statement, repeating that he understood that he was handling HAMM kidnap money at the time of his arrest, and that he expected that the \$200,000.00 represented by "IZZY" and "SLIM" as being available when the HAMM money had been disposed of would be BREMER ransom money.

M. C. FALKNER, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
234 Federal Building, P. O. Box 1897
Charlotte, North Carolina

This witness will advise that on April 29, 1934, he, together with Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Chicago Bureau office, interviewed "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN at the Cook County jail; that McLAUGHLIN orally admitted that he had obtained money from a man whom he knew as "SLIM" and another man whom he knew as "IZZY", which money he suspected was "hot" and understood it to be money paid in ransom in the HAMM kidnaping; that he further understood that he was to receive either \$100,000.00 or \$200,000.00 additional from the same source, the latter money to be the ransom paid in the BREMER kidnaping case; that upon being given this money by "SLIM" and "IZZY", it was McLAUGHLIN'S duty to change this money into bills of large denominations at the Chicago banks, for which service he was to receive 5% of all the money so exchanged; that all this money was in \$5 and \$10 bills; that he would meet "SLIM" and "IZZY" at a hotel and he recalls distinctly that it would take them about twenty minutes to reach this hotel upon being advised that he (McLAUGHLIN) was waiting them, and that from this fact, he judged that the place of residence of these two men was in the near vicinity of this hotel; that he never used the elevator in going to the room in said hotel; that the money was kept by these men, until turned over to him, in newspapers and the bills would be stacked and wrapped in sums of \$100,000.00 each.

That the hotel at which he met "SLIM" and "IZZY" and obtained this money was located at the corner of Cicero Avenue and Irving Park Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois; that he knows the taller of these two men as "SLIM"; that "SLIM" was very tall and very slender and had sandy hair; that he felt sure that these two men were connected with a gang, at the time hiding out or operating in Toledo, Ohio.

The evidence showing that BREMER ransom money was actually exchanged by WILLIAM E. VIDLER at numerous banks in Chicago, Illinois, has already been set out in the summary report of Special Agent KR. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, for which reason the evidence will not again be duplicated in this report. However, a sufficient number of witnesses to establish a complete case against McLAUGHLIN is being set out herein and the page on which their testimony is found in the above referred to report is noted after the name of each witness.

WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, Teller, and
Assistant Cashier,
Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank,
3201 North Ashland Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934, VIDLER exchanged large quantities of BREMER ransom money at the above mentioned bank.

J. R. WELLES, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
(To be located through the Chicago
Bureau Office.)

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934, he checked the serial numbers of the ransom money at the Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank against the BREMER ransom lists finding said money to be BREMER ransom money.

LEONARD RABIN,
Main State Bank,
1965 Milwaukee Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged large quantities of BREMER ransom money at the above mentioned bank.

CHARLES JENKINS, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will state that he checked the money at the Main State Bank finding same to be BREMER ransom money.

JOHN GESKEWICH,
Uptown State Bank,
1050 Wilson Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged large quantities of BREMER ransom money at said bank.

J. A. MURPHY, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1002 Post Office & Court House Building,
Boston, Massachusetts.

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This witness will state that he checked the money at the Uptown State Bank and found the same to be BREMER ransom money.

WILLIAM ZOCH, Teller,
City National Bank and Trust Company,
208 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will state that on April 6, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged large quantities of BREMER ransom money at said bank.

H. L. SCOTT, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Ill.

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This witness will state that he checked the money passed by VIDLER at the City National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, and found same to be BREMER ransom money.

A. E. LOCKERMAN,
to be located through
the Chicago Bureau office,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Bldg., P. O. Box 818,
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on April 27, 1934, he was a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, working out of the Chicago office; that on that date, he took into custody JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., at the Chicago Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and found in his hat band two envelopes containing money in the total sum of \$315.00; that he turned these bills over to Special Agent A. H. CROWL of the Chicago Bureau office, who compared the serial numbers of the \$315.00 with the BREMER ransom lists and found that \$85.00 of the said money was identical with BREMER ransom money; that he (LOCKERMAN) was present at the time this money was compared with the BREMER ransom lists.

A. H. CROWL, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on April 27, 1934 he received from former Special Agent A. E. Lockerman two envelopes of currency containing \$315.00, which currency had been taken from JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR. by Mr. Lockerman; that this witness compared all of the serial numbers on said money with a list of the BREMER ransom notes and found that \$85.00 of the \$315.00 was ransom money.

This witness will further state that he segregated the ransom money, sealed the same in a cellophane envelope, and delivered the same to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis.

R. C. COULTER
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
232 Uptown Station, Post Office
and Federal Courts Building
5th and Market Streets
St. Paul, Minnesota

This witness will advise that on November 8, 1934 he secured a voluntary signed statement from JOHN J. "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the presence of McLAUGHLIN'S attorneys, L. L. Brill and Henry Balaban, the material portion of the signed statement being as follows:

"At the time of my son's arrest he had approximately three hundred and eighty dollars (\$380.00). My son had in his possession approximately three weeks pay, which amounted to \$48.00, and all of the money he had in his possession at the time, with the exception of the salary as stated, was obtained from me."

The original of this signed statement will be forwarded to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

The information which each of the following witnesses will give will be found in the summary report of Special Agent E.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which summary report deals with ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER. The page on which the testimony of each witness will be found in said report is noted after the name of each witness.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that he photographed OLIVER A. BERG and JAMES J. WILSON at the Chicago Bureau Office, and will furnish photographs and negatives of these individuals.

VITO BARKER,
307 Ord Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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This witness will state that he photographed RUSSELL GIBSON, Missouri State Penitentiary #32487.

FRANK J. PETTY,
Identification Officer,
Illinois State Penitentiary,
Joliet, Illinois.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, Illinois State Penitentiary #2382-E, said photograph having been taken by this witness on November 17, 1933.

CAPTAIN J.H. DEMPSTER,
Council Bluffs, Iowa.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of PHILIP DELANEY, Council Bluffs Police Department #5410.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

The following is the criminal record of JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN alias "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, as obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.:

As JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, #3734, U.S. Marshal, Chicago, Ill., arrested October 6, 1933; charge, postal violation; released on \$25,000 bond.

As JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, #12361, U.S. Marshal, Chicago, Ill., arrested April 28, 1934; charge, conspiracy - kidnaping.

PENDING.

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SUMMARY REPORT.WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON

This summary is intended to present all the evidence available against WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON.

BOLTON, on or about January 7, 1934, returned to Chicago, Illinois, by plane from Phoenix, Arizona, at the request of FRED GOETZ alias GEORGE ZEIGLER. He subsequently learned from GOETZ that KARPIS, "DOC" BARKER, and FRED BARKER, were holding a kidnap victim at HAROLD ALLDERTON'S home in Bensenville, Illinois. BOLTON, at the request of GOETZ, visited the hideout house to be of assistance to the boys who were holding the victim. On his first visit to ALLDERTON'S home, he saw KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, WILLIAM WEAVER, HAROLD ALLDERTON, and "DOC" BARKER, at said home. All of these men were dressed in rough clothing, high top boots, riding breeches, et cetera. BOLTON also visited the hideout on the day on which BREMER was released, driving GOETZ' Chevrolet Coupe to the hideout at the request of GOETZ. At this time BOLTON observed "DOC" BARKER lead the victim from the hideout house to the alley on the west side of ALLDERTON'S home, where BOLTON had parked GOETZ' car, as requested by GOETZ. BOLTON then observed the victim placed in the car, together with "DOC" BARKER and FRED GOETZ, whereupon, the victim was driven away. During the kidnap period, BOLTON remained a large part of the time at the GOETZ home at 1934 West Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, where he assisted

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IRENE DORSEY, the common law wife of GOETZ. BOLTON also assisted GOETZ in moving from 1934 West Garfield Boulevard to the south side of Chicago on or about January 31, 1934.

BOLTON was arrested at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on January 8, 1935, by Chicago Bureau Agents, where he had been living with RUSSELL GIBSON, who was killed in attempting to make an escape from said address on January 8, 1935. BOLTON had also been associating with "DOC" BARKER and WILLIAM HARRISON while living with GIBSON.

On January 20, 1935, BOLTON was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, after waiving all removal proceedings.

On January 22, 1935, BOLTON, together with others, was indicted in St. Paul, Minnesota, the first indictment charging him with having, between December 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934, conspired to violate the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped or otherwise unlawfully detained, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, to kidnap the victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, and transport him from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and there hold him for and demand a ransom of \$200,000.00.

On January 22, 1935, another indictment was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, against BOLTON, together with others, charging that BOLTON did, in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, transport by automobile the kidnaped victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and having transported him, held him for ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00.

On January 24, 1935, BOLTON'S bond was fixed at \$50,000.00 in default of which he was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, to await action of the United States District Court in April, 1935.

On April 2, 1935, BOLTON was arraigned before the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time he entered a plea of not guilty to the above mentioned charges. The trial date was then set for April 15, 1935.

The return of the indictments on January 22, 1935, will cause the Statute of Limitations to cease operating as of that date.

WITNESSES.

The summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, containing all available evidence against ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, also contains all available evidence against WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON. Consequently, in order to avoid repetition, no evidence is being set out under the name of each witness but the page number of the above referred to report is noted after each witness. All the necessary evidence can be found in such pages.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 8 to 20.

This witness will testify as to his kidnaping, his being held at the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois, his writing of ransom letters for his release, and his actual release on February 7, 1934.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will produce and identify pictures of the hideout house, exterior and interior, which he personally photographed.

WALTER MAGEE,
1916 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 32 to 35.

This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom letters and will testify, further, as to the delivery of the ransom money on the night of February 6, 1934.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,
855 West Seventh Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom letters, will identify his son's signature on said letters, and will advise that he authorized the preparation of the ransom money and the payment of same.

FRED J. CODE, Comptroller,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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P. A. SMITH, Cashier,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the ransom money and its delivery to ADOLPH BREMER, JR.. They will also testify as to the manner in which the ransom money lists were prepared.

J.L.MADALA, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

PAGES 105 to 111.

This witness will testify as to the oral admissions of WILLIAM
BRYAN BOLTON.

R.D.BROWN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

PAGES 105 to 111.

This witness will testify as to the oral admissions of WILLIAM
BRYAN BOLTON.

J.E.BRENNAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 105 to 111.

This witness will also testify as to the oral admissions of
WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON.

HAROLD V. ALLDERTON,
Ramsey County Jail,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 112 to 120.

This witness will testify as to the holding of Victim BREMER at his home in Bensenville, Illinois.

IRENE BROSEY,
Wilmington, Illinois.

PAGES 171 to 179.

This witness will testify as to certain admissions made to her by her common-law husband, FRED GOETZ alias GEORGE ZEIGLER, and the part played in the BREMER kidnaping by WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON.

MILDRED KUHMAN,
c/o John Carbin,
929 Phillip Avenue,
Toledo, Ohio.

PAGES 194 to 196.

This witness will testify as to the association of BOLTON with other members of the BARKER-KARPIS GANG.

CLARA GIBSON,
c/o Mrs. George Guymon,
4322 Clarendon Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

PAGES 198 to 202.

This witness will also testify as to the association of BOLTON with other members of the BARKER-KARPIS GANG.

J.L.MADALA, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

PAGES 208 and 209.

This witness will testify as to the recovery of quantities of guns and ammunition at 3912 Pine Grove Avenue, CHICAGO, Illinois, on the night of January 8, 1935. It is noted that this is the place where BOLTON was living with RUSSELL GIBSON.

HERMAN C. BAUCKE,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

PAGES 121 and 122.

This witness will furnish details corroborating the story of Victim BREMER.

MRS. EDWARD REED MOSCHEL,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will also furnish details corroborating the story of Victim BREMER.

EDWARD REED MOSCHEL,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

PAGES 126 and 127.

This witness will also furnish details corroborating the story
of Victim BREMER.

MRS. EDWARD R. BISHOP,
523-5th Street,
Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

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This witness will testify as to the renting of a garage to ALLDERTON
during the BREMER kidnap period.

EARL BOSENBERG, Superintendent,
METER DEPARTMENT, WESTERN DIVISION,
Public Utilities Company of Northern Illinois,
1701 South First Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

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This witness will furnish meter reading charts showing the unusual
consumption of electricity at ALLDERTON'S home during the BREMER kidnap period.

MICHAEL CHALADYN,
Seventh Avenue and River Street,
Fairview, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to having read the meter of HAROLD ALLDERTON, particular attention being paid to the period January 18, 1934, through February 16, 1934, showing an unusual consumption of electricity.

JAMES RILEY,
915 South Fifth Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to having rechecked the ALLDERTON meter.

GEORGE BOLDEBUCK,
Assistant Fire Chief,
132 North Center Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that the fire siren was blown in Bensenville, Illinois, on January 29, 1934.

W.A. EENSTING,
170 Mason Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will produce records showing the fire siren at Bensenville, Illinois, was sounded on January 29, 1934.

D.F. SULLIVAN,
188 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will furnish details as to the sounds which can be heard in the vicinity of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

ADRIAN ELIS, Chief Clerk to
the General Foreman of the
Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul
Roundhouse at Bensenville, Illinois.
(This witness should be subpoenaed
through LAWRENCE BENSON, Chief Special
Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and
St. Paul Railroad Company, Chicago, Ill.)

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This witness will also testify as to the sounds which can be heard in the vicinity of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

R.C.SURAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify to having secured a piece of wall paper from the bedroom in which Victim BREMER was held at the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

D.M.LADD, Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that he received from Special Agent Suran, a piece of wall paper taken from the Bremer room in the hideout house at Bensenville, Illinois.

J.E.BRENNAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to his securing from Special Agent in Charge D.M.Ladd the above mentioned wall paper and that he delivered same to the St. Paul Bureau Office for safe keeping.

J.L.MADALA, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that he secured the toilet handle from
the bathroom located on the first floor of the hideout house in Bensenville,
Illinois.

JOHN TIERNNEY,
Superintendent, Identification Bureau,
St. Paul Police Department,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of WILLIAM
WEAVER.

C.W.WILSON, Record Clerk,
Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas.

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This witness will produce and identify the photographs of FRED
BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS.

FRED JACKSON, Inmate #38106,
Missouri State Penitentiary,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

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This witness will furnish and identify the photographs of ALVIN
KARPIS and FRED BARKER.

VITO BARKER,
307 Ord Street,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of **RUSSELL**
GIBSON.

WILLIAM B. MATHEWS,
Assistant Identification Inspector
and Police Photographer,
West Side Bureau,
26th and California Streets,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of **BRUNO**
AUSTIN.

HARRY J. RIMBACK,
473 Truman Boulevard,
Hammond, Indiana, or
c/o Police Department,
Hammond, Indiana.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of **WILLIAM**
J. HARRISON.

HANS NEILSEN,
4505 Seward Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of HARRY
SAWYER.

G.C. WEST,
Coalgate, Oklahoma.

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This witness will produce and identify photographs of WILLIAM
WEAVER and VOLNEY DAVIS.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will produce and identify the photograph of ARTHUR
"DOC" BARKER.

W.H.MORGAN,
s/o Identification Bureau,
Police Department,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This witness will produce and identify the photograph and negative of the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL, Tulsa Police Department #1846, and will testify that he personally took this photograph on December 25, 1930.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

The following is the criminal record of BYRON BOLTON, which was secured from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.,

As MONTE CARTER, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., 1-8-35; charge, not given.

As BYRON BOLTON, #1843, U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1-22-35, charge, conspiracy to transport a kidnapped person in interstate commerce; held in Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, in default of \$50,000.00 bond.

NOTATION: WANTED BY BUREAU as BRYAN BOLTON, location desired in connection with BREMER kidnap case; notify Bureau Offices Chicago, Ill., and St. Paul, Minn., per inf. rec. Div. Off., Wash., D.C.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE;
HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1235;
VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232;

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NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1238;
HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; PRIMARY REPORT
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239;
MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.

SUMMARY REPORT.

OLIVER A. BERG

This summary is intended to present all the evidence available against OLIVER A. BERG.

BERG first became acquainted with DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN while he and MORAN were incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois. Upon MORAN'S release, BERG helped MORAN become established once more in the medical profession by providing funds and by the use of political pressure to reinstate DR. MORAN.

BERG became acquainted with RUSSELL GIBSON through gambling activities and introduced MORAN to GIBSON.

During March, 1933, DR. MORAN altered the fingerprint impressions of FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS and used BERG'S residence at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, as a place from which these men were to recuperate. "DOC" BARKER visited FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS at BERG'S residence at which time he told BERG that he, "DOC" BARKER, had quantities of "hot" money and would pay BERG 12 1/2 cents on every dollar that he exchanged. BERG did not accept the offer at this time but "DOC" BARKER, within a day or two, enlisted the interest of DR. MORAN in this matter.

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DR. MORAN appeared too enthusiastic, wherefore, "DOC" BARKER secured the services of BERG and GIBSON to watch MORAN and guard the money while same was in MORAN'S hands. As compensation for this service, MORAN was to pay BERG and GIBSON each 2% of all the money exchanged through MORAN. The money transactions were thereafter conducted in DR. MORAN'S room at the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. "DOC" BARKER delivered the money in a suitcase, the money being wrapped in newspaper, the first delivery being in the sum of \$10,000.00. Various quantities of ransom money were delivered to "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN from time to time until approximately \$50,000.00 in this money had been exchanged. GIBSON and BERG always acted as guards of the ransom money until it was exchanged and the good money delivered to members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. As each allotment was changed into good money, BERG received his 2% commission for the service performed by him.

On April 27, 1934, due to the arrest of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, all ransom money negotiations ceased.

Within a few weeks thereafter BERG received orders through GIBSON that the gang demanded BERG'S presence in Toledo, Ohio. BERG proceeded to Toledo, where he met the entire gang, "DOC" BARKER insisting that BERG peddle the ransom money between Toledo and New York. BERG refused, and within a short time returned to Chicago, Illinois. Shortly thereafter BERG again was ordered to Toledo, Ohio, where "DOC" BARKER again insisted that he peddle ransom money between Cleveland and New York. BERG refused, whereupon, "DOC" BARKER said, "We'll make you do it". BERG, however, returned to Chicago without passing any ransom money.

BERG was arrested by Chicago Bureau Agents at 5248 North Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on August 18, 1934. On August 30, 1934, BERG was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, where he is incarcerated under #1431.

On May 4, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota, BERG, in the name of "IZZY", alias MR. JONES, was indicted with others charged with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom, one, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

On January 22, 1935, BERG and others were indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging that between December 1, 1933 and May 1, 1934, BERG and others conspired to violate the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped or otherwise unlawfully detained, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, to kidnap the victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, and transport him from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and there hold him for and demand a ransom of \$200,000.00.

On January 25, 1934, bond was fixed at \$100,000.00. BERG has been incarcerated in Joliet Penitentiary since August 30, 1934, serving a sentence of from ten years to life on the charge of robbery.

On April 3, 1935, a writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum was issued by the United States Attorney's Office in St. Paul, Minnesota, to be served upon the warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

The return of the indictment on May 4, 1934, will cause the Statute of Limitations to cease operating as of that date.

WITNESSES:

The testimony of numerous witnesses who may be used against BERG has already been set out in the summary report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which summary report has to deal with ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, for which reason the same will not be duplicated here. However, each witness necessary is being named, together with the page number on which the testimony can be found in the above referred to report.

EDWARD G. BREMER
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard
St. Paul, Minnesota

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This witness will testify to the actual kidnaping on the morning of January 17, 1934, his being held at a hideout house, and his actual release on February 7, 1934.

L. G. ROSE, Photographer
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will testify that he personally secured the photographs of the interior and exterior of the hideout house at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois. He will be able to present and identify the photographs and negatives.

WALTER MAGER
1916 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom letters and as to the actual delivery of the ransom money on the night of February 6, 1934 in keeping with demands contained in said ransom notes.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,
855 West Seventh Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

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This witness will identify the signature of his son, the victim, on various ransom notes he received. He will also testify that he authorized the preparation and the payment of the ransom money.

FRED J. CODE, Comptroller
American National Bank
St. Paul, Minnesota

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AND

P. A. SMITH, Cashier
American National Bank
St. Paul, Minnesota

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the \$200,000.00 in ransom money, and also as to the manner in which the ransom list was prepared.

J. L. MADALA, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will testify that he secured a complete oral statement from OLIVER A. BERG concerning BERG'S participation in the ransom money exchange in Chicago, Illinois, and his subsequent association with the entire KARPIS-BARKER gang at Toledo, Ohio.

JAMES J. WILSON
Ramsey County Jail
St. Paul, Minnesota

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This witness will testify as to the ransom money exchanges and the negotiations made at rooms 210 and 211 of the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, which exchanges were participated in by RUSSELL GIBSON, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, and OLIVER A. BERG.

JAMES FRANKLIN, Bell Boy
Irving Hotel
4849 Irving Park Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will testify as to the close association of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, JAMES J. WILSON, RUSSELL GIBSON, OLIVER A. BERG, and "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN at the Irving Hotel during the month of April 1934.

ALVINA RICHMAN
Room 9 - E
Sheridan-Eastwood Hotel
4641 Sheridan Road
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that she was a housekeeper at the Irving Hotel during April 1934, and will testify as to the close association between RUSSELL GIBSON, DR. MORAN, BERG, WILSON, and "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN during the month of April 1934.

JOSEPH T. REEVES, Chief Clerk
Irving Hotel
4849 Irving Park Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will produce the records of said hotel showing the registration of JAMES WILSON and DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN during the months of January, February, March, and April 1934.

The testimony of the following witnesses is found in the summary report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which summary report has to deal with WILLIAM E. VIDLER, consequently the testimony will not be duplicated, but their names are mentioned, together with the page number of said report on which their testimony may be found:

WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE, Teller
and Assistant Cashier
Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank
3201 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934 WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged large quantities of BREMER ransom money at above bank.

J. R. WILLES, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
(To be located through the Chicago
Bureau Office, 1900 Bankers'
Building, Chicago, Illinois.)

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This witness will state that on April 25, 1934 he checked the money in the possession of WILLIAM BLESCHKE at the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank and found the same to be BREMER ransom money.

LEONARD RABIN, Teller
Main State Bank
1965 Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934 WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged large quantities of BREMER ransom money at above bank.

CHARLES JENKINS, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 24, 1934 he check the money taken in by LEONARD RABIN at the above bank and found same to be BREMER ransom money.

JOHN GESKEWICK
Business address:
1050 Wilson Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
Home address:
5136 North Linder Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934 WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged large quantities of BREMER ransom money at above bank.

J. A. MURPHY, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1002 Post Office & Court House Building
Boston, Massachusetts

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934 he checked the money in the possession of JOHN GRSKEWICK which had been exchanged by WILLIAM E. VIDLER, and found the same to be BREMER ransom money.

The testimony of the following witnesses will be found on the pages noted after the name of each witness in the summary report of Special Agent K. R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which summary report has to deal with ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER.

WYNONA BURDETTE
Detention Home
Milan, Michigan

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This witness will testify as to the association of OLIVER A. BERG with members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang in Toledo, Ohio, in the summer of 1934.

CLARA GIBSON
Care of MRS. GEORGE GUYMON
4322 Clarendon Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will also testify as to the association of OLIVER BERG with members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang in Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

J. C. DUNCAN
State Bureau of Criminal Identification
and Investigation
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

This witness will advise that the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #11906, was taken by him or under his personal supervision on February 19, 1922, at which time this witness was in charge of the Identification Bureau of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that at the same time that said photograph was taken, the original fingerprints of ARTHUR R. BARKER were also prepared, either by him or under his personal supervision.

The above referred to photograph is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office.

This witness will advise that the first photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, taken at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, under #12808, was taken by him or under his personal supervision on February 3, 1923, on entrance of VOLNEY DAVIS to said penitentiary on said date.

This witness will also state that VOLNEY DAVIS was fingerprinted by him or under his personal supervision.

Upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will produce the negative of the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER, taken on February 19, 1922.

L. G. ROSE, Photographer
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on or about January 9, 1935, he personally photographed ARTHUR R. BARKER at the Chicago Bureau Office. Upon subpoena duces tecum, this witness will present the photograph, together with the negative.

This witness will also advise that on or about August 18, 1934 he photographed OLIVER A. BERG at the Chicago Bureau Office. Upon service of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will furnish the negative of said photograph.

C. W. WILSON, Record Clerk
Kansas State Penitentiary
Lansing, Kansas

This witness will advise that he fingerprinted FRED BARKER, Kansas State Penitentiary #9836, who was incarcerated in that institution on March 12, 1927, and that he also fingerprinted ALVIN KARPIS, K.S.P. # 1539.

This witness is presently occupying the position of record clerk at Kansas State Penitentiary. Upon service of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will furnish the original fingerprint cards.

VITO BARKER
307 Ord Street
Kansas City, Missouri

This witness will advise that he photographed EDNA MURRAY, Missouri State Penitentiary #28933, and RUSSELL GIBSON, Missouri State Penitentiary #32487; that this witness was incarcerated, himself, in Missouri State Penitentiary under #24973, at which time he photographed the above mentioned persons. He has signified his willingness to be a witness.

FRANK J. PETTY
Identification Officer
Illinois State Penitentiary
Joliet Branch
Joliet, Illinois

This witness will advise that his father, who was formerly the identification officer at the above mentioned institution, took the photograph of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, Illinois State Penitentiary # 2382-E, on November 17, 1928; that his father is now deceased but that he (FRANK J. PETTY) was employed as an assistant to his father at that time and has custody of the original photograph, which he will produce upon service of a subpoena duces tecum.

HARRY J. RIMBACK
473 Truman Boulevard
Hammond, Indiana

or
Care of Police Department
Hammond, Indiana

This witness will testify that on November 16, 1933 he was engaged in the official duties of taking photographs of prisoners at the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department; that on that date, he photographed WILLIAM J. HARRISON, giving said photograph Hammond, Indiana, Police Department #1829. The negative of this photograph is in the possession of this witness and upon the service of a subpoena duces tecum, he will furnish said negative. (The above noted photograph is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office).

HANS NEILSON
4505 Seward Street
Omaha, Nebraska

This witness will advise that he is now a retired police officer but that on January 3, 1920 he was in active duty as a police officer and on that date photographed HARRY SAWYER, Omaha Police Department #6463. Upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, he will be able to secure and produce the negative of the above mentioned picture. This photograph is now in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office, and will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

JAMES BENASEK
Bertillon Bureau
Cleveland Police Department
Cleveland, Ohio
Home address: 16613 Larchwood Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

This witness will state that on September 6, 1934 he photographed WINONA BURDETTE alias WYNONA WALCOTT, giving said photograph Cleveland Police Department #43237; that on the same date he photographed PAULA HARMON alias ETHEL MATTERSON, alias C.D. HARMON, giving said photograph Cleveland Police Department #43238; that on the same date he photographed GLADYS R. SAWYER, giving said photograph Cleveland Police Department #43239. (These photographs are in the possession of the St. Paul Office).

This witness will be able to produce the negative of said photographs.

(NOTE: The above parties were arrested by the Cleveland Police Department on September 5, 1934, and on September 8, 1934 were turned over to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, at Cleveland, Ohio).

C. C. WEST
Coalgate, Oklahoma

This witness will advise that the photograph of WILLIAM WEAVER, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #14993, which photograph was taken on April 7, 1925, was taken either by him or under his personal supervision.

The above referred to photograph is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office.

This witness will also state that the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, which was taken by him, or under his personal supervision, on January 25, 1925. This photograph is designated Oklahoma State Penitentiary #12808, and is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office. This is the photograph which appears on the identification order #1237 of VOLNEY DAVIS.

It is to be noted also that the fingerprints of VOLNEY DAVIS were taken by or under the personal supervision of Mr. C. C. WEST.

Upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will produce the negative of the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS taken on January 25, 1925. (This is the photograph in which the Bureau is interested).

CRIMINAL RECORD.

As OLIVER BERG, #451, PD, Chicago, Illinois, arr., _____ (not given), fingerprinted 6-10-26, charge, suspect.

As OLIVER A. BERG, #259, SO, Urbana, Illinois, arr., 9-9-26, charge, robbery with gun; held to G.J. \$300,000 bond.

As OLIVER A. BERG, #7650, SP, Menard, Illinois, rec. 12-15-26, charge, robbery, etc.; 10 years to life.

As OLIVER A. BERG, #1431, SP, Joliet, Illinois, 7-28-27, in trans. fr. SP, Menard, Illinois, charge, robbery, etc.; 10 years to life - 11-7-31, out on writ; dis. by Ct. order while on writ 3-4-32.

As OTTO MARGO, 5-20-25, sent. 6 mos. Woodstock County Jail, Illinois, violation Prohibition Law; U.S. Court, Chicago, Illinois.

WANTED: OLIVER BERG, alias OTTO MARGO, as fugitive from Joliet Pen. (charge robbery); notify PD, Chicago, Ill., per inf. rec. therefrom 5-17-33. Disappeared while on writ of supersedeas from SP, Joliet, Ill., per inf. rec. PD, Chicago, Ill., 5-29-33.

The above criminal record of OLIVER A. BERG was secured from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Duly certified and authenticated copies of the conviction of BERG for life on charge of robbery in the Circuit Court of Champaign County, Illinois, on December 13, 1926, have been secured, and will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota,

St. Paul

File No. 7-50

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/16 to 4/10/35	REPORT MADE BY: K. R. McIntire
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT.

JAMES J. WILSON

This summary is intended to present all the evidence available against JAMES J. WILSON.

During January, February, March, and April, 1934, WILSON was an associate of DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, the latter having offices at 4861 Irving Park Boulevard, WILSON and MORAN living at Room 210 Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago Illinois. Through this association, WILSON learned to know RUSSELL GIBSON, OLIVER A. BERG, and "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN. On or about April 14, 1934, WILSON observed McLAUGHLIN MORAN, GIBSON, and BERG, handling large quantities of BREMER ransom money in Room 211 of the Irving Hotel. From April 14, 1934, until April 27, 1934, he continued to observe the said parties handling ransom money negotiations. WILSON made two trips to Aurora, Illinois, during April, 1934, with RUSSELL GIBSON, where ransom money negotiations were carried out, and where WILSON met and became acquainted with VOLNEY DAVIS, WILLIAM WEAVER, MYRTLE EATON, HARRY CAMPBELL, and "DOC" BARKER. During March, 1934, WILSON became acquainted with FRED BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS, whose fingerprints had been changed by DR. MORAN in Room 234 Irving Hotel. During the latter part of March, 1934, WILSON drove FRED BARKER to Toledo, Ohio, where the former became acquainted with other members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. On April 27, 1934, (the day on which publicity was given to the arrest of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN), WILSON, acting

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upon the advice of DR. MORAN and OLIVER BERG, fled to Toledo, Ohio, where he met and associated with all members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang. WILSON lived in Toledo with this group until about August 1, 1934, when he returned to Chicago, Illinois.

On January 22, 1935, WILSON, together with others, was indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, it being charged that between December 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934, WILSON and others conspired to violate the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped or otherwise unlawfully detained, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, to kidnap the victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, and transport him from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and there hold him for and demand a ransom of \$200,000.00.

WILSON was taken into custody at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935. Bond was set at \$5,000.00 on January 24, 1935, in default of which he was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, to await the action of the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, in April, 1935.

On April 2, 1935, WILSON was arraigned before the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, pleading guilty to the above charge with the privilege of changing plea at a later date. Trial has been set for April 15, 1935.

The return of the indictment on January 22, 1935, will cause the Statute of Limitations to cease operating as of that date.

WITNESSES

In view of the fact that numerous witnesses, and their testimony, who will be used in the prosecution of JAMES J. WILSON, are contained in the summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which is the summary report dealing with ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, the substance of their information will not be duplicated here. Each witness will be named and reference will be made to the page number of the above mentioned report on which the testimony of each witness may be found.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify to his abduction, his being held at the hideout, and his release.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will introduce and identify photographs of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

WALTER MAGER,
1916 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of various ransom letters and also as to the delivery of the ransom money on February 6, 1934, in keeping with the demands in said ransom letters.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.
855 West 7th Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom letters; will identify the signature of his son, the victim, on the ransom letters; and will state that he authorized the preparation and the payment of the ransom money.

FRED J. GODE, Comptroller
American National Bank
St. Paul, Minnesota

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P. A. SMITH, Cashier
American National Bank
St. Paul, Minnesota

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the BREMER ransom money.

J. L. MADALA, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

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This witness will state that on September 25, 1934, he secured a free and voluntary signed statement from JAMES WILSON, the latter explaining his part in the ransom money exchanges at the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and also at Aurora, Illinois, and his subsequent association with the entire KARPIS-BARKER gang in Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934. The original of this statement will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial. This witness will also

advise that he secured another signed statement from JAMES J. WILSON at Chicago, Illinois, on September 25, 1934, relative to the changing of the fingerprints of various members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang by DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN at Chicago, Illinois, and at Toledo, Ohio, during the spring and early summer of 1934. The original of this signed statement will also be forwarded to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

OLIVER A. BERG
Inmate, Illinois State Penitentiary
Joliet, Illinois

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Although this party is named as a defendant in this case, it is believed that he will testify in behalf of the Government. In that event, he will testify as to the ransom money exchanges at the Irving Hotel, 4849 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, during April, 1934, at which time DR. MORAN, JAMES J. WILSON, GIBSON, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, and BERG himself were present and actually participated in said exchanges.

JAMES FRANKLIN,
Colored bellboy
Irving Hotel
4849 Irving Park Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will testify as to the close association of RUSSELL GIBSON, OLIVER BERG, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, JAMES WILSON, and DR. MORAN in Rooms 210 and 211 of the Irving Hotel, Chicago, during April, 1934.

MRS. ALVINA RICHMAN
Room 9-E
Sheridan Eastwood Hotel
4641 Sheridan Road
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that during April, 1934, she was a housekeeper at the Irving Hotel and will testify as to the close association between OLIVER BERG, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, DR. MORAN, RUSSELL GIBSON, and JAMES WILSON during April, 1934, at said hotel.

JOSEPH T. REEVES, Chief Clerk
Irving Hotel
4849 Irving Park Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will produce books and records showing the registration of JAMES J. WILSON and DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN at the Irving Hotel during the months of January, February, March, and April, 1934.

The testimony of the following witnesses has already been set out at length in the summary report of Special Agent E. R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 18, 1935, which summary report has to deal with WILLIAM E. VIDLER. For this reason, the testimony will not be duplicated here. However, the name of each witness will be set out and the page number noted after the name of each witness on which the testimony of said witnesses can be found, these pages referring to the above mentioned summary report on VIDLER:

WILLIAM E. BLESCHKE,
Teller and Assistant Cashier
Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank
3201 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 23, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged at above bank large quantities of BREMER ransom money.

J. R. WELLS, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
to be located through the
Chicago Bureau office
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 25, 1934, he examined numerous bills taken in by ELESCHKE from VIDLER at the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank; that he found same to be BREMER ransom money.

LEONARD RABIN, Teller
Main State Bank
1965 Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 25, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged at above bank large quantities of BREMER ransom money.

CHARLES JENKINS, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

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This witness will state that on April 24, 1934, he examined the money taken in by LEONARD RABIN from VIDLER and found same to be BREMER ransom money.

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Chicago, Illinois

Home address:
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J. A. MURPHY, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1002 Post Office & Court House Bldg.
Boston, Massachusetts

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Milan, Michigan

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MILDRED KUHLMAN
Care of JOHN CARBIN
929 Philip Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

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This witness will also testify as to the association of JAMES J. WILSON with members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang in Toledo, Ohio, during the summer of 1934.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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This witness is presently occupying the position of record clerk at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

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It is to be noted also that the fingerprints of VOLNEY DAVIS were taken by or under the personal supervision of MR. C. C. WEST.

Upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will produce the negative of the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS taken on January 25, 1925. (This is the photograph in which the Bureau is interested.)

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HANS NEILSEN
4505 Seward Street
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This witness will advise that he is now a retired police officer but that on January 3, 1920, he was in active duty as a police officer and on that date photographed HARRY SAWYER, Omaha Police Department number 6463. Upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, he will be able to secure and produce the negative of the above mentioned picture. This photograph is now in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau office, and will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

W. H. MORGAN
Care of the Identification Bureau
Police Department
Tulsa, Oklahoma

This witness will produce and identify the photograph and negative
of the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL, Tulsa Police Department number 1846,
and will testify that he personally took this photograph on December 25,
1920.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and investigation, fail to disclose any previous criminal record for JAMES J. WILSON.

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Form No. 8

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota,

St. Paul

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/15 to 4/10/35	REPORT MADE BY: K.R. McIntire
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; MARY REPORT WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER

This summary is intended to present all of the evidence available against WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER.

On or about the middle of April, 1934, WILLIAM E. VIDLER was induced by "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN to handle and exchange considerable quantities of BREMER ransom money. This money was secured by VIDLER from McLAUGHLIN, who explained to VIDLER that the money was "hot" money and said money was ordinarily handed to VIDLER by McLAUGHLIN in thousand dollar lots in five and ten dollar bills. At McLAUGHLIN'S solicitation, VIDLER exchanged several thousand dollars worth of this money at various banks in Chicago, Illinois, at which time he was accompanied by "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN and PHILIP DELANEY, and received a small commission on each thousand dollars which he exchanged. At each of the banks, where he exchanged the money, VIDLER gave varying explanations as to the reasons for exchanging the money. VIDLER continued to exchange BREMER ransom money until April 26, 1934, when he was arrested at a "bookie joint" at 226 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, by Chicago Bureau Agents.

On April 27, 1934, a complaint was filed at St. Paul, Minnesota, against VIDLER, and others, charging him with conspiracy to violate the Kidnap Statute. A complaint was also filed against VIDLER in Chicago, Illinois, on April 27, 1934.

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VIDLER was arraigned in Chicago, Illinois, on April 28, 1934, at which time bond was fixed in the amount of \$100,000.00. On May 4, 1934, VIDLER, and others, were indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, by a Federal Grand Jury, being charged with conspiring to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom, one, EDWARD G. BREMER. On May 15, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, VIDLER'S bond was reduced to \$20,000.00 and he was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 21, 1934. On October 31, 1934, VIDLER was released at St. Paul, Minnesota, on a \$5,000.00 personal recognizance bond.

The return of the indictment against VIDLER, at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, will cause the statute of limitations to cease operating as of that date.

On January 22, 1935, an additional indictment was returned against McLAUGHLIN, VIDLER, and others, charging conspiracy to kidnap EDWARD G. BREMER, to transport him in interstate commerce, and to demand \$200,000.00 ransom for his release.

On April 2, 1935, VIDLER was arraigned before the United States District Court at St. Paul, Minnesota, entering a plea of not guilty. The Court increased his bond to \$25,000.00 in default of which VIDLER was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota. The trial date was set for April 15, 1935.

WITNESSES.

In view of the fact that numerous witnesses who may be used against VIDLER, in order to make a complete case against him, and testimony expected from each has been set out at length in the summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which summary deals with ARTHUR R. "DOC" BARKER, no effort will be made to duplicate such information in this report. Witnesses who have already been reported on are being referred to by page number, such pages being found in the above mentioned report.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the actual kidnaping on the morning of January 17, 1934, his being transported for a considerable distance that day, being held in the hideout house, and his actual release on February 7, 1934.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that he, personally, secured the photographs of the interior and exterior of the hideout house at 180 South May Street, Bensenville, Illinois. He will be able to present and identify the photographs and negatives.

WALTER MAGEE,
1916 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom notes and as to the actual delivery of the ransom money on the night of February 6, 1934, in keeping with demands contained in said ransom notes.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,
855 West Seventh Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will identify the signature of his son, the Victim, on various ransom notes he received. He will also testify that he authorized the preparation and the payment of the ransom money.

FRED J. CODE, Comptroller,
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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P. A. SMITH, Cashier,
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the \$200,000.00 in ransom money and also as to the manner in which the ransom list was prepared.

JAMES J. WILSON,
Ramsey County Jail,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the exchanging of ransom money in Room 210 of the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, in the presence of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, RUSSELL GIBSON, OLIVER A. BERG, and DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN.

OLIVER A. BERG, Inmate,
Joliet Penitentiary,
Joliet, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to ransom money exchange being made in DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN'S room at the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois; that such ransom money exchanges were made in the presence of "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, RUSSELL GIBSON, and DR. MORAN.

JAMES FRANKLIN, Bellboy,
Irving Hotel,
4849 Irving Park Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to seeing RUSSELL GIBSON, "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, and OLIVER A. BERG, in almost constant association with JAMES J. WILSON and DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN at the Irving Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, during the month of April, 1934.

ALVINA RICHMAN,
Room 9-E,
Sheridan Eastwood Hotel,
4641 Sheridan Road,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will furnish substantially the same information
as shown under the name of JAMES FRANKLIN.

JOSEPH T. REEVES, Chief Clerk,
Irving Hotel,
4849 Irving Park Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to the registration of DR. JOSEPH
P. MORAN and JAMES J. WILSON at the Irving Hotel during January, February,
March, and April, of 1934.

L. B. NICHOLS, former Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
(To be located through Chicago
Bureau Office - 1900 Bankers'
Building, Chicago, Illinois)

This witness will advise that on April 27, 1934 at Chicago, Illinois, he secured a free and voluntary statement from WILLIAM E. VIDLER; that at this time VIDLER advised that he had known McLAUGHLIN several years and that McLAUGHLIN came to him, VIDLER, on April 17, 1934 advising that he, McLAUGHLIN, had some money he wanted changed in large bills; that McLAUGHLIN did not want to go to the bank himself; that VIDLER advised McLAUGHLIN to let him, VIDLER, know whenever he, McLAUGHLIN, was ready; that McLAUGHLIN came to VIDLER'S home at 5001 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Thursday morning, April 19, 1934, calling VIDLER downstairs; that VIDLER went to McLAUGHLIN'S car where the latter showed VIDLER a package of money; that a man by the name of PHIL, later identified by VIDLER as PHILIP DELANEY, was driving the car for McLAUGHLIN; that at this time VIDLER asked McLAUGHLIN what the money was, and asked if it could be counterfeit money, McLAUGHLIN replying "No, it is good money"; that VIDLER, DELANEY, and McLAUGHLIN then drove downtown, going to several banks as follows:

The Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company, where VIDLER presented \$2,500.00 worth of the bills given to him by McLAUGHLIN and secured \$2,500.00 worth of larger bills in denominations of \$100.00; that the teller at this bank objected to VIDLER changing this money, stating it cost the bank money to transact that kind of business.

From there, VIDLER advised, said parties went to the First National Bank, where he, VIDLER, cashed \$2,000.00; that the teller at this bank gave VIDLER the same story, so VIDLER went to the City National Bank, where he cashed \$500.00; that he also cashed \$500.00 of these bills at the Builders National Bank; that VIDLER does not recall the exact denominations of the bills he secured at the last three mentioned banks but that to the best of his knowledge it was in \$50.00 and \$100.00 denominations;

This witness will testify that VIDLER advised in his statement that he, VIDLER, went to another bank, the name of which he did not recall, where he cashed \$500.00; that from there he was driven to his home by McLAUGHLIN and DELANEY and was given \$110.00 by McLAUGHLIN; that all of the money cashed by him, VIDLER, in the above mentioned banks was turned over to McLAUGHLIN by VIDLER.

This witness will state that VIDLER advised in his statement that on Friday, April 20, 1934, McLAUGHLIN appeared about the same time at VIDLER'S home, telling VIDLER that he had \$6,000.00 more to be changed; that McLAUGHLIN was again accompanied by PHIL (DELANEY) who was driving the car; that said parties first drove to the Hamilton State Bank, where VIDLER changed \$1,000.00; that they then went to the Lakeview Bank, VIDLER cashing \$2,000.00; that they then went to the Main State Bank, VIDLER cashing \$3,000.00 there, and at this place VIDLER was given \$60.00 by McLAUGHLIN as his commission.

Witness will state that on Saturday, April 21, 1934, McLAUGHLIN again came to VIDLER'S home with \$6,000.00 and that he and McLAUGHLIN went to the Uptown State Bank, VIDLER cashing \$2,000.00 there; that they then went to the Lakeview Bank, VIDLER cashing \$2,000.00 there; that they then went to the Main State Bank, VIDLER cashing \$2,000.00 there; that at the close of these transactions McLAUGHLIN gave VIDLER approximately \$60.00 for cashing the \$6,000.00.

Witness will state that VIDLER advised that on Monday, April 23, 1934 McLAUGHLIN again appeared at VIDLER'S home; that at this time McLAUGHLIN had \$11,000.00 in bills with him which he desired to have changed; that VIDLER went to the Howard Trust & Savings Bank, cashing \$1,500.00 here; that they went next to the Uptown State Bank, VIDLER cashing \$1,500.00 here; that they went next to the Lakeview Bank, VIDLER cashing \$3,000.00 here; that they went to the Main State Bank, VIDLER cashing \$2,000.00; that at the close of these transactions McLAUGHLIN gave VIDLER approximately \$70.00 for cashing the above \$11,000.00 on April 23, 1934.

Witness will further state that VIDLER advised that on Tuesday, April 24, 1934, McLAUGHLIN'S car was laid up so VIDLER drove over to McLAUGHLIN'S house; that VIDLER and McLAUGHLIN then drove to the Main State Bank, where the teller refused to change money for VIDLER; that at this place the teller did not give VIDLER any reason for his refusal but said he could not do it today; that McLAUGHLIN and VIDLER then drove back to McLAUGHLIN'S home, where McLAUGHLIN took the money away again; that no more money was given to VIDLER until Wednesday afternoon, April 25, 1934, when VIDLER was given \$3,000.00 with the understanding that he was to take it to Louisville, Kentucky, to change and return to McLAUGHLIN Friday morning, April 26, 1934; that when VIDLER arrived downtown Thursday morning he was apprehended by Chicago Bureau agents.

Witness will state VIDLER advised in his statement that on April 19, 1934 when McLAUGHLIN called for VIDLER at the latter's home, and when VIDLER came down to the car to talk to him, PHIL (DELANEY) was in the car and heard all the conversation between McLAUGHLIN and VIDLER about changing the money;

that nearly every day while money was passed while VIDLER was with McLAUGHLIN and DELANEY, DELANEY drove to the south side of Chicago and parked near 79th and Emerald Avenue where PHIL (DELANEY) would get out of the car and walk in the direction of 79th and Halsted Street, and after approximately one half hour PHIL would return with an envelope and hand it to McLAUGHLIN (It is noted that the Mutual National Bank is located at 7844 South Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois, and that approximately \$24,000.00 of BREMER ransom money was exchanged at this bank, according to the statement of PHILIP DELANEY); that every day after the money had been cashed at the banks, DELANEY, VIDLER, and McLAUGHLIN would drive to Irving Park Boulevard and Cicero Avenue, Chicago, where McLAUGHLIN would get out of the car and walk west on Irving Park Boulevard, returning to the car in about twenty minutes; that no statement was ever made to VIDLER by PHILIP DELANEY or McLAUGHLIN as to who was contacted at these places.

This witness will state VIDLER advised him that before he, VIDLER, exchanged any of the above mentioned money, McLAUGHLIN told him that it was good money but "hot" money, but that he, VIDLER, need not be afraid of it; that all of the money given to VIDLER by McLAUGHLIN to be changed into larger bills was in five and ten dollar denominations; that arrangements between McLAUGHLIN and VIDLER were to the effect that VIDLER was to receive one per cent commission on all the money changed; that on one day while changing money for McLAUGHLIN, VIDLER asked McLAUGHLIN how much of this he had, and McLAUGHLIN stated, "About \$30,000.00 or \$40,000.00 more".

(The original of this signed statement has already been forwarded to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota).

K. R. McINTIRE, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
232 old Post Office Bldg., P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota

This witness will advise that on May 11, 1934, he, together with Special Agent R. D. Brown of the Chicago Bureau office, interviewed WILLIAM E. VIDLER at the Cook County jail, Chicago, Illinois; that VIDLER admitted that the party called "PHIL" in the signed statement of VIDLER is identical with PHILIP DELANEY; he further admitted that a small yellow sheet of paper, which was found in his possession at the time of his arrest, same containing numerous addresses of banks and places of business where he intended to exchange further money, and at this time he made the following statement, "That's just some more evidence against me."

BRUNO ALTHAUS, Paying Teller,
Lakeview Trust and Savings Bank,
3201 North Ashland Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that on April 20, 1934, a party now known to him as WILLIAM E. VIDLER exchanged at the witness' window one thousand dollars in five and ten dollar bills for one thousand dollars in twenty dollar bills; that the money which VIDLER exchanged was drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

None of the money so exchanged by VIDLER was retained by the witness.

HERBERT P. HOOT, Cashier,
Hamilton State Bank,
3916 Broadway Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will state that on or about April 20, 1934, a man, somewhat resembling VIDLER, came into the above mentioned bank, displaying one hundred \$10.00 bills, the stranger asking MR. HOOT if said bills were counterfeit; that MR. HOOT examined the bills declaring that they were not counterfeit and this stranger requested that they be exchanged for one hundred dollar bills; that, thereupon, MR. HOOT called ARTHUR AUSTIN, note teller, of said bank, requesting him to make the exchange; that about two days after this transaction, the bank received a telephone call from the Chicago Bureau Office requesting to know whether said bank had exchanged large amounts of BREMER kidnap money; that MR. HOOT, together with MR. AUSTIN, then examined the remaining ten dollar bills, ascertaining that they were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and further that one of the ten dollar bills checked with the list of ransom money, but that no record was made of the serial number on said bill and that the bill was subsequently passed over the counter.

This witness cannot positively identify VIDLER.

ARTHUR AUSTIN, Note Teller,
Hamilton State Bank,
3916 Broadway Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that on or about April 20, 1934, a stranger requested to exchange large quantities of money for bills of larger denominations; that he, AUSTIN, was called to serve this stranger by HERBERT P. HOOT, cashier of said bank; that, at the time of this exchange of money, the stranger stated that he wanted to take the money up North on a deal and that the small bills he had were too bulky; consequently, he desired bills of larger denominations; that, accordingly, this witness made the exchange, giving the stranger seven hundred dollars in \$50.00 and \$100.00 bills and the balance of three hundred dollars in \$20.00 bills; that about two days after this transaction he received a telephone call from the Chicago Bureau Office requesting to know whether quantities of BREMER ransom money had been passed at said bank; that he, together with MR. HOOT, examined the remaining ten dollar bills, ascertaining that they were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that one of the ten dollar bills checked with the list of ransom money but that no record was made of the serial number on this bill and the same was subsequently passed over the counter.

This witness is unable to identify VIDLER.

L.HATCH, teller,
First National Bank,
38 South Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that on or about April 22, or 23, 1934, a man came to his cage and presented a number of ten dollar bills for which he stated he desired to obtain ten \$100.00 bills; that the person stated that there was \$1,000.00 in the roll of bills he passed across the counter; that MR.HATCH objected. Whereupon, this stranger stated that he had a safety deposit box downstairs and, accordingly, HATCH counted out the money and found \$1,020.00; that HATCH then gave this stranger ten \$100.00 bills, together with two of the \$10.00 bills this person had passed over the counter, and that about ten or fifteen minutes later this stranger returned with another bunch of \$10.00 bills, requesting ten more \$100.00 bills, stating that he had just taken the money out of his safety deposit box and desired large bills because the racing season was on; that MR.HATCH counted \$960.00 and, thereupon, gave the party nine \$100.00 bills and six \$10.00 bills; that all of the aforementioned bills were placed by HATCH on his counter and passed out into circulation that same day; that HATCH does recall, however, that these bills were not new bills.

This witness is unable to identify VIDLER.

CHESTER HOOKER, Teller
Howard Trust & Savings Bank
1737 Howard Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will state that at about 9:05 A.M. on Monday, April 22, 1934, a stranger presented a pack containing two hundred \$5.00 bills at his window and asked for one hundred dollar bills in exchange; that this witness did not have that many one hundred dollar bills, but had one \$1,000.00 bill which he gave this stranger; that the stranger then gave him another pack containing two hundred \$5.00 bills and asked that they be changed; that HOOKER cashed \$350.00 of this package by giving the man three \$100.00 bills and one \$50.00 bill; that the witness then put these \$5.00 bills in a drawer in his cage where they remained for about two hours when Mr. Becking, Cashier of the above mentioned bank, took these bills and checked them with the BREMER ransom list, finding the money to be BREMER ransom money.

HOOKER later appeared at the Chicago Bureau Office where he viewed VIDLER, stating that he believed that VIDLER was the man who had passed the money in question at the Howard Trust & Savings Bank.

VINCENT W. BECKING, Cashier
Howard Trust & Savings Bank
1737 Howard Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on Monday, April 22, 1934, CHESTER HOOKER, teller in the above mentioned bank, called to him, BECKING'S, attention the fact that a large number of \$5.00 bills had been brought in by a stranger with the request that they be changed into bills of larger denominations; that these bills were still in packets in the drawer of HOOKER'S cage; that BECKING checked these bills against the list of BREMER ransom bills furnished to the bank and found the money to be BREMER ransom money; that he checked in all \$1,300.00 of this money.

This witness will further state that on April 23, 1934 he delivered this pack of \$1,300.00 to Special Agents E. L. Richmond and A. E. Sweeney at the said bank so that they could check the money with the BREMER ransom lists; that after they checked this money against the ransom lists they returned said money to MR. BECKING.

This witness will advise that this \$1,300.00 of BREMER ransom money was retained by said bank for a long period of time, after which it was delivered to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois, for mutilation.

(BECKING has not had an opportunity to view the photograph of VIDLER).

E. L. RICHMOND, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

A. E. SWEENEY, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

(These agents are to be located
through the Chicago Bureau Office,
1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago,
Illinois.)

These witnesses will advise that on April 23, 1934 they secured information that a stranger had passed BREMER ransom money at the Howard Trust & Savings Bank, 1737 Howard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that they proceeded to said bank where Cashier VINCENT W. BECKING furnished them with a pack of bills containing \$1,300.00; that they compared the serial numbers on said bills against the list of BREMER ransom notes and found the money to be BREMER ransom money.

The original list of ransom bills checked by these witnesses is in the possession of the St. Paul Office and will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

WILLIAM H. HLESCHKE
Teller and Assistant Cashier
Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank
3201 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on Monday, April 23, 1934, a party whom he has now identified as WILLIAM E. VIDLER, came to the witness' window in above mentioned bank and exchanged \$3,000.00 in five and ten dollar denominations, receiving \$1,000.00 in \$100.00 bills and two \$1,000.00 bills; that the witness glanced through these bills noticing that they were all drawn upon the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that the witness checked all of these bills out to customers; that he later opened the receiving teller's package and found thirty-one bills of \$5.00 denominations that were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; that he checked these bills with the list of BREMER ransom notes and found them to be identical; that at the time that VIDLER exchanged the above mentioned bills VIDLER told the witness that he, VIDLER, occasionally delivered alcohol up in Wisconsin and that that is the way they pay up there, using small bills; that the bills actually received from VIDLER were not checked by the witness with the numbers of the bank notes paid as ransom money in the BREMER kidnap case, since the said money became mixed with the other money in the cage.

This witness will further advise that the \$155.00 in BREMER ransom money which he retained was on November 6, 1934 delivered to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Illinois, for mutilation.

The substance of the above information was submitted by WILLIAM H. HLESCHKE in the form of a signed statement given to Special Agent J. R. Welles at Chicago, Illinois, on April 26, 1934. The original of this statement will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul prior to trial.

This witness has in his possession a list of the BREMER ransom notes exchanged at this bank and he will be able to produce same upon subpoena duces tecum.

J. R. WELLES, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
(To be located through the
Chicago Bureau Office -
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois)

This witness will advise that on April 25, 1934, after securing information that BREMER ransom money had been exchanged at the Lakeview Trust & Savings Bank, 3201 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, he proceeded to said bank where Assistant Cashier WILLIAM H. BLESCHKE furnished him with thirty-one \$5.00 notes; that he noted the serial numbers on each of these notes and compared same with the list of ransom notes in the BREMER case, finding the money to be BREMER ransom money.

This witness will present original memorandum made by him at the time of the examination of said notes.

LEONARD RABIN, Teller
Main State Bank
1965 Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that about 10 o'clock A.M. on April 23, 1934 a stranger (whom he has positively identified as WILLIAM E. VIDLER) presented himself at the witness' window, asking the witness if he would accept some five and ten dollar bills in exchange for bills of \$100.00 denominations; that the witness said he would, whereupon VIDLER produced \$300.00 or \$900.00 in five and ten dollar bills; that at this point the witness asked VIDLER if he had an account at the bank and was informed that he, VIDLER, did not, but VIDLER explained that he was in the liquor business and received five and ten dollar bills in exchange for his wares and that he did not like to carry so many bills of small denominations with him; that the witness then gave VIDLER a \$100.00 bill for each one hundred dollars of the five and ten dollar bills; that at about 12:15 P.M. on the same day VIDLER again came to the witness' window and exchanged two \$100.00 bills; that upon the occasion of this second visit VIDLER asked the witness if he had many large bills on hand; that the witness replied that he did and that anyone who wanted them could get them.

This witness will advise that he retained \$300.00 of the currency brought in by VIDLER on Monday, April 23, 1934, and checked the same with the list of ransom notes showing the bank notes paid as ransom in the BREMER kidnap case. This witness will further state that the money retained by him which was delivered to him by VIDLER, was temporarily delivered to Special Agent Jenkins at the said bank, who observed the serial numbers on said bills.

A signed statement was secured on April 30, 1934 from LEONARD RABIN at the Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, by former Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner, setting forth substantially the above information. The original of this signed statement will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

(The \$300.00 of ransom money retained by the Main State Bank was on November 6, 1934 sent to the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois, for mutilation.)

CHARLES JENKINS, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that on April 24, 1934 he received information that a stranger had exchanged BREMER ransom bills at the Main State Bank, 1965 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that he proceeded to said bank where the teller, LEONARD RABIN, furnished this witness with thirty \$10.00 bills; that this witness made a memorandum of all of the serial numbers on these bills and compared same with the ransom list, ascertaining that said bills were BREMER ransom money.

The original memorandum prepared by Agent Jenkins will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

JOHN GESKEWICH
Business address - Uptown State Bank
1050 Wilson Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
Home Address - 5136 North Linder Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will advise that about ten o'clock A.M. on April 23, 1934 a stranger, whom he has now identified as WILLIAM E. VIDLER, appeared at the witness' window at above mentioned bank and asked the witness for ten \$100.00 bills, stating at the time that he had \$1000.00 in small bills; that the witness asked VIDLER if he had an account at the bank, to which VIDLER replied that he did not but that he would open up a checking account; that VIDLER at this time appeared to be anxious to get out of the bank as quickly as possible but otherwise did not exhibit any nervousness.

This witness will state that upon counting out the bills presented by VIDLER he found that there was \$900.00 in five dollar bills and \$100.00 in ten and twenty dollar bills; that he noted also that practically all of the five dollar bills were either Federal Reserve notes or National Currency drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that the witness made a hasty reference to the list of ransom bills furnished by the Bureau, and that the numbers on the bills he examined were identical with those on the list.

This witness recalls distinctly that this same individual (VIDLER), dressed in the same clothes, called at said bank about one week prior to this time and requested bills of large denominations for \$1000.00 in smaller bills which VIDLER presented at the witness' window. GESKEWICH recalls that on that occasion the bills were in fives, tens, and twenties, but does not recall the proportion of each. This witness also has a hazy recollection of this stranger (VIDLER) visiting the bank on one or two other occasions and requesting like exchanges of currency.

(It is observed that JOHN GESKEWICH, after furnishing the above information, appeared at the Chicago Bureau Office where he definitely identified VIDLER as the man who passed the above mentioned money.)

(The \$900.00 in BRUMER ransom money was retained at said bank until November 7, 1934, when it was sent to the Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois, for mutilation).

J. A. MURPHY, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1002 Post Office & Court House Building
Boston, Massachusetts

This witness will advise that on the morning of April 23, 1934 he received information that a party had passed BREMER ransom money at the Uptown State Bank, 1050 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that he immediately interviewed JOHN GESKEWICH, teller at said bank who had received said money; that GESKEWICH handed Agent Murphy \$900.00 in five dollar bills which MR. GESKEWICH had received from VINKER that same day; that Agent Murphy noted the serial numbers on each of these five dollar bills, and comparing same with the BREMER ransom lists found said money to be BREMER ransom money.

Agent Murphy at that time prepared an original memorandum showing the serial numbers on each of the \$900.00. This original memorandum will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

**WILLIAM ZOCH, Teller
City National Bank & Trust Company
208 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois**

This witness will advise that on the morning of April 26, 1934 a party whom he has now positively identified as WILLIAM E. VIDLER, came to his window in the above mentioned bank, presenting ten \$10.00 bills, requesting to be given in exchange for them one hundred \$1.00 bills, and that when asked by this witness as to his business, VIDLER replied that he was a "bookie"; that the bills so presented by VIDLER were retained by this witness and that an examination of said bills showed them to be BREMER ransom notes.

This witness will advise that it was his recollection that VIDLER explained that he, VIDLER, was interested in a "bookie" located at 226 South Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois; that this witness accompanied Special Agents H. L. Scott, L. D. Nichols, and J. H. Rice of the Chicago Bureau Office to said address, where MR. ZOCH pointed out VIDLER as the man who made the above mentioned exchange; that he later observed VIDLER in the Chicago Bureau Office, positively identifying him.

This witness will further state that the \$90.00 retained as BREMER ransom money has now been delivered to the Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago, Illinois, for mutilation.

H. L. SCOTT, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will state that on April 26, 1934 he secured information that a party had exchanged BREMER ransom money at the City National Bank & Trust Company, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois; that he, together with former Special Agent L. D. Nichols, and Special Agent J. H. Rice, proceeded to said bank where he examined ten \$10.00 bills which had been held out by WILLIAM ZOCH, teller; that the serial numbers on nine of said bills were identical with BREMER ransom money; that thereafter Agent Scott, accompanied by Special Agent Rice and former Special Agent L. D. Nichols, together with MR. ZOCH, went to a "hookie" joint located at 226 South Wells Street, Chicago, where ZOCH pointed out VIDLER as being the man who made the above exchange; that VIDLER admitted to Agent Scott that he, VIDLER, is the man who made the above exchange on the morning of April 26, 1934; that VIDLER was brought to the Chicago Bureau Office by Agents Scott and Rice where he was searched by said agents and there was found on him \$3,185.00, of which \$2,625.00 proved to be BREMER ransom money; that Agent Scott turned this money over to Special Agents R. A. Knittle and A. H. Crowl.

H.L. SCOTT, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

J.H. RICE, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

These witnesses will be able to advise that on April 26, 1934,
they apprehended WILLIAM E. VIDLER and brought him to the Chicago Bureau
Office where they personally searched him; that they found on his person
a small piece of yellow scratch paper containing the following addresses;

116 W. Jackson	306 S. Michigan
906 So. Halsted	23 So. La Salle
400 North Michigan	230 So. Clark
815 West 63rd	221 No. La Salle
3621 South State	3944 Cottage Grove
4201 So. Halsted	347 West 63rd St.
1929 So. Halsted	6910 So. Halsted
115 West Monroe	1525 E. 53rd St.
605 No. Michigan	4150 So. Halsted
541 West Jackson	222 No. Bank Drive
801 West Madison	1326 E. 63rd Street
Wacker & La Salle	Monroe & La Salle
Homan & Arlington	6255 South Halsted
968 West 18th St.	7921 South Ashland
400 West Madison	735 West 12th St.
1601 W. 12th Street	919 North Michigan

These witnesses can further testify that they turned this piece of
scratch paper over to Special Agent K.R. McIntire.

R.A.KNITTLE, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
620 New Federal Building,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

AND

A.H.CROWL, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

These witnesses will testify that they were present in the Chicago Bureau Office, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, on the afternoon of April 26, 1934, when WILLIAM E. VIDLER was brought to said office by Special Agents H.L. Scott and J.H. Rice; that they were present when VIDLER'S person was searched by Agents Scott and Rice, and that Agent Scott turned over to them a large quantity of money, amounting to \$3,185.00, which they took from VIDLER'S person; that examination of same disclosed that \$2,625.00 of said money proved to be BREMER ransom money; that each of the bills was compared with the list of BREMER ransom money, showing same to be ransom money.

The above agents have submitted an original memorandum disclosing the numbers on the bills so examined. This memorandum is in the possession of the St. Paul Office and will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

This money was properly marked for identification by Agents Knittle and Crowl, and placed in a vault in the Chicago Office. On the 12th day of September, 1934, this money was turned over to Mr. R.C. Coulter of the St. Paul Office by Special Agent A.H. Crowl of the Chicago Office, and said money has been retained in the vault at the St. Paul Office.

R.C.COULTER, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Uptown Station, Post Office and
Federal Courts Building,
5th and Market Streets,
St.Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that on September 12, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, he received a package of money containing \$2,625.00 in BREMER ransom bills from Special Agent A.H.Crowl, this package of money having previously been properly initialed for identification by Special Agents R.A. Knittle and A.H.Crowl; that he personally removed this package of money to the St. Paul Bureau Office where he placed the same in a vault in said office.

This money is now available in St. Paul for use in evidence in the trial of this case.

Properly certified and duly authenticated copies of the judgments of convictions against WILLIAM E. VIDLER, No. 19271 and 18491, have been secured and are available for the use of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. DOYLE
19th District
Chicago Police Department
2913 South Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois

AND

Sergeant JOHN SHERRY
Stolen Auto Section
Chicago Police Department
1125 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

These witnesses will testify that VIDLER is identical with the VIDLER indicted under Indictment No. 18491 in the State Courts in Chicago, Illinois; that these witnesses arrested VIDLER on this offense; that they testified before the Grand Jury on said offense, and both were present in the court on February 5, 1920 when VIDLER entered a plea of guilty to this charge. They can positively identify VIDLER in the above matter.

CRIMINAL RECORD.

The following is the criminal record of WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, as obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., and the Chicago Police Department:

As WILLIAM E. VIDLER, #X69990, Chicago Police Department, arrested April 6, 1917; charge, robbery; found not guilty.

As #78291, Chicago Police Department, arrested October 29, 1919; charge, larceny and robbery. Released on bond.

As #78621, arrested December 15, 1919; charge, attempt to kill - larceny.

Disposition of above two cases: Received Joliet Penitentiary, February 18, 1920; indeterminate sentence under Joliet No. 6729; discharged October 10, 1923.

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/16 to 4/10/35	REPORT MADE BY: K.R. McIntire
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.#1218, FUGITIVE; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.#1235; VOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases, I.O.#1237, FUGITIVE; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.#1232; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.#1238; HARRY SAWYER, with aliases, I.O.#1240; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.#1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.#1241; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SUMMARY REPORT

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER

This summary is intended to present all the evidence available against EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

Shortly before Christmas, 1933, FARMER assisted FRED GOETZ and FRED BARKER in procuring the house of HAROLD ALDERTON in Bensenville, Illinois, for the ostensible purpose of hiding out for a few days some men who were fleeing from the law. Not long before Victim BREMER was brought to the hideout house, FARMER escorted ALVIN KARPIS to ALDERTON'S home, KARPIS examining same to determine if said house would be suitable for his purposes. Approximately one or two days after BREMER had been kidnaped, ALDERTON advised FARMER that BREMER was being held a kidnap victim at his, ALDERTON'S, house. With this knowledge, FARMER visited the hideout house three or four times a week during which BREMER was held there, observing on these visits ALVIN KARPIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, "DOC" BARKER, ALDERTON, a party he believes to be identical with WILLIAM WEAVER, FRED BARKER, and FRED GOETZ. On numerous occasions, FARMER purchased groceries and liquor for members of the gang at ALDERTON'S home. He also acted as a "lookout" to advise FRED BARKER and FRED GOETZ as to whether or not anyone connected with the law enforcement had been making any inquiries in Bensenville, Illinois. FARMER received \$1,000.00 from FRED GOETZ in payment of his, FARMER'S, services.

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ELMER FARMER was arrested by Chicago Bureau agents on January 16, 1935, at his home in Bensenville, Illinois.

On January 20, 1935, FARMER was removed from Chicago, Illinois, to St. Paul, Minnesota, after waiving all removal proceedings.

On January 22, 1935, FARMER and others were indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, said indictment charging that between December 1, 1933 and May 1, 1934, FARMER and others conspired to violate the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped or otherwise unlawfully detained, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, to kidnap the victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, and transport him from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and there hold him for and demand a ransom of \$200,000.00.

On January 22, 1935, a second indictment was returned at St. Paul, Minnesota, against FARMER charging that FARMER, and others, did, in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a, transport by automobile the kidnaped victim, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and having transported him, held him for ransom in the sum of \$200,000.00.

On January 24, 1935, FARMER'S bond was set at \$50,000.00, in default of which he was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail in St. Paul, Minnesota.

On April 2, 1935, FARMER was arraigned before the United States District Court, at St. Paul, Minnesota, entering a plea of not guilty to the above charges. Trial was set for April 15, 1935.

The return of the indictments on January 22, 1935, will cause the Statute of Limitations to cease operating as of that date.

WITNESSES.

The summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, containing all available evidence against ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER, contains much of the available evidence against ELMER FARMER, consequently, in order to avoid repetition in such instances, reference is merely being made to the name of the witness and the page number in which the testimony of said witness may be found in the aforementioned report.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify that he was abducted on the morning of January 17, 1934; and will testify as to his being held in the hideout house, and his actual release on February 7, 1934.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will produce the photographs and the negatives of said photographs of the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois, and will identify same, which photographs were taken and prepared by himself.

WALTER MAGEE,
1916 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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3 This witness will testify that he received certain ransom notes and that, in keeping with the demands contained in such ransom notes, he delivered the \$200,000.00 to the kidnapers on February 6, 1934.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,
855 West Seventh Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify as to the receipt of certain ransom notes, will identify the signature of his son, the victim, on certain of the ransom notes, and will state that he authorized the preparation and payment and the delivery of the \$200,000.00 ransom.

FRED J. GODE, Comptroller,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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AND

P. A. SMITH, Cashier,
American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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These witnesses will testify as to the preparation of the \$200,000.00 in ransom money and will advise as to the manner in which the BREMER ransom lists were prepared.

K. R. McIntire, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will state that he, together with agents of the Chicago Bureau Office, apprehended KILMER FARMER at the latter's home in Bensenville, Illinois, on January 16, 1935; that FARMER was removed to the Chicago Bureau Office, where a free and voluntary signed statement was secured from him, by this witness, the substance of the information being as follows:

That FARMER admitted having known GEORGE ZEIGLER alias FRED GOETZ for the past six or seven years, meeting ZEIGLER through a rum runner named HAROLD CONLIFF, through whom FARMER bought liquor in Prohibition days; that GOETZ (ZEIGLER) was a Syndicate man; that FARMER became acquainted with BOLTON (MONTY CARTER) about two and one-half years ago at Bensenville, Illinois, where they played golf together.

That FARMER admitted having known HAROLD ALLDERTON for about the past ten years; that shortly before Christmas of 1933, FRED GOETZ (ZEIGLER), and a man whom FARMER identifies as FRED BARKER, came to FARMER'S place of business (a saloon), which is known as ELMER'S TAVERN, in Bensenville, Illinois; that these men were driving a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe owned by GOETZ; that FRED BARKER was introduced to FARMER as FREDDY; that, at this time, GOETZ told FARMER that he, GOETZ, would like to get a place in Bensenville, Illinois, where he could keep some men for a week or ten days; that FARMER said he did not have a place; that GOETZ then said, "How about ALLDERTON, is he still living here?"; FARMER replied, "Yes"; that GOETZ then said, "Well, maybe we can get a place up there for the men to stay".

That as FARMER recalls, he, FARMER, went up to ALLDERTON'S home, got ALLDERTON, and brought him down to ELMER'S TAVERN to talk with GOETZ; that GOETZ, at this time, made the plan to FARMER that he, GOETZ, had some "hot" people he wanted to hide out for a few days; that when GOETZ and FRED BARKER made their arrangements with ALLDERTON, they gave ALLDERTON the same explanation that had been given to FARMER; that GOETZ told ALLDERTON, at this time, in his presence, that these men would be in any time soon.

That FARMER saw GOETZ, FRED BARKER, and a party FARMER recognizes as ALVIN KARPIS alias "RAY", in and out of Bensenville, Illinois, and around ALLDERTON'S home several times before BREMER was kidnaped; that FARMER was in ALLDERTON'S home with either RAY KARPIS or FRED BARKER before BREMER was held there; that on these visits FARMER was permitted to go anywhere in the house; that this house consists of five rooms, one large front bedroom on the North, two small bedrooms on the West, one living room on the East, and one kitchen on the South; that FARMER did not observe any guns in the house until some time after the middle of January, 1934; that between the first time FARMER met FRED GOETZ, FRED BARKER, in ELMER'S TAVERN, and the middle of January, 1934, FARMER saw GOETZ, FRED BARKER, and RAY KARPIS on frequent occasions, either at ELMER'S TAVERN or at the ALLDERTON home; that about the middle of January, 1934, ALLDERTON came to FARMER'S saloon, telling FARMER that the boys at ALLDERTON'S house wanted FARMER to buy them some groceries; that ALLDERTON had a list of groceries FARMER was to buy; that FARMER believes that ALLDERTON was alone when the latter brought the message to FARMER; that, at this time, ALLDERTON said to FARMER, "The boys came in last night. They brought a fellow in with them. * * * * * His head is hurt, but they have fixed him up alright"; that ALLDERTON and FARMER then bought the groceries in Elmhurst, Illinois, at the Atlantic and Pacific Store and took said groceries to ALLDERTON'S home; that, at this time, FARMER did not go inside the house; that they got FARMER to buy the groceries because ALLDERTON didn't have an automobile in which to carry them; that, at the time ALLDERTON and FARMER bought the groceries, ALLDERTON told FARMER to bring up a case of beer and some whiskey; that, after dark that same night, FARMER did take a case of beer and some liquor to ALLDERTON'S home; that, at this time, FARMER saw no automobiles but went inside the house and saw a man, whom he has identified from photograph as being HARRY CAMPBELL; also, "DOC" BARKER, RAY KARPIS, and ALLDERTON; that there were two

other men here whom FARMER cannot identify; that the first four men mentioned were in the kitchen and, after FARMER went into the house, the two unidentified men walked into the living room and closed the door; that FARMER had previously met "DOC" BARKER at KILMER'S TAVERN in company with FRED GOETZ; that "DOC" BARKER was introduced to FARMER as "DOC"; that, on this particular night, when FARMER brought the beer and liquor to the boys, he remained only a short time, heard nothing of consequence discussed, and observed that the living room door was closed, and sensed that he, FARMER, was not to go in there.

That on the following night, or perhaps two nights later, FRED BARKER and GOETZ came to KILMER'S TAVERN asking if everything was alright; that FARMER understood their inquiry to mean whether the "law" had been around; that FARMER told them everything was alright; that they then asked FARMER to take them up to ALLDERTON'S house; that, at the time, GOETZ and FRED BARKER were driving the 1932 Chevrolet Coupe of GOETZ; that the only explanation FARMER can give as to why they wanted him, FARMER, to drive up ahead of them to ALLDERTON'S house that night, was to find out if FARMER was on the square with them; that, at this time, both GOETZ and FRED BARKER were dressed in business men's clothes; that they went into ALLDERTON'S house, FARMER remaining in the kitchen with ALLDERTON and HARRY CAMPBELL, while GOETZ and FRED BARKER went into the living room and closed the door; that these men remained in there about twenty or thirty minutes; that by this time FARMER had noted in the newspapers that BREMER had been kidnaped in St. Paul and FARMER was reasonably sure that BREMER was being held in ALLDERTON'S house; that, after FRED BARKER and GOETZ had been in the living room for twenty or thirty minutes, they came out and walked outside; that FARMER allowed them and they told him that they would see him again in a couple of days.

That a couple of nights later, GOETZ and FRED BARKER again came to KILMER'S TAVERN and had FARMER take them to ALLDERTON'S house; that the same incidents occurred, as above noted, and that FARMER saw the same group of persons there as noted above; that, by this time, FARMER knew, in his own mind, that it was BREMER who was being held in the other room at ALLDERTON'S house; that FARMER had noted the news items on the case in the papers and observed in the papers from time to time that ransom notes were being sent to the BREMER family.

That about a week after BREMER was brought to ALLDERTON'S home, FARMER was in said home and saw HARRY CAMPBELL and ALLDERTON in the kitchen; that RAY KARPIS came into the kitchen from the living room and, as KARPIS opened the door, FARMER observed two unidentified men sitting in the living room; that, at this time, FARMER also observed four or five machine guns lying on a daybed in the living room.

That FARMER visited ALLDERTON'S house three or four times a week during the time BREMER was held there and practically every time FARMER was there he saw "DOC" BARKER, RAY KARPIS, and HARRY CAMPBELL, and that most of the time he saw the two unidentified men mentioned above; that FARMER saw FRED BARKER and GOETZ

come in frequently; that they always gave the appearance of having business to transact in the living room; that FRED BARKER and GOETZ were always dressed in business men's clothing, while the others were dressed in high boots, riding breeches, rough suede jackets, and heavy shirts.

That FARMER often purchased groceries for the parties at ALLDERTON'S house, buying said groceries at practically all the stores in Bensenville and also in Elmhurst, Illinois; that ALLDERTON also purchased groceries, but that FARMER purchased the groceries at the request of ALLDERTON and GOETZ.

That two or three times, while FARMER was visiting the ALLDERTON house, he observed GOETZ and FRED BARKER go into the room occupied by BREMER, and when they came out, he noted that they had handkerchiefs tied about their necks, which they promptly untied upon coming into the kitchen.

That the next day, after BREMER was brought to ALLDERTON'S house, ALLDERTON told FARMER that the gang was holding BREMER of St. Paul for ransom, but ALLDERTON did not state how much ransom would be demanded; that the only car FARMER observed members of this gang use, during the time BREMER was held in ALLDERTON'S house, was a 1932 Chevrolet Coupe of GOETZ.

That ALLDERTON told FARMER that he, ALLDERTON, had rented the garage of "BIDDY" BISHOP for such cars as members of this gang might have; that BISHOP'S garage is located only a short distance down the alley from ALLDERTON'S house;

That several times during BREMER'S captivity, RAY KARPIS told FARMER that they, meaning the gang, were going to take him, meaning BREMER, back any day; that it is FARMER'S recollection that BREMER was held in ALLDERTON'S house for about three weeks.

That on one occasion, FARMER heard HARRY CAMPBELL and RAY KARPIS explaining to GOETZ and FRED BARKER that when they took him, meaning BREMER, they had to hit him over the head because he wouldn't get out of his car as they ordered him to do; that they said his head was split open but that he would be alright; that this conversation took place in the kitchen of ALLDERTON'S home.

That two or three times a week GOETZ and FRED BARKER would come to FARMER'S place asking him if everything was alright, meaning whether or not anyone suspected what was going on with regard to BREMER; that FARMER always told them that everything was alright; that on the day BREMER was released, GOETZ came to FARMER'S saloon at about 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock on the morning of that day and said, "Well, they're gone"; that, at this time, GOETZ made it clear to FARMER that he meant that the gang and BREMER, who had been up at ALLDERTON'S place, had gone.

That, after the gang and BREMER departed from Bensenville, Illinois, GOETZ gave FARMER a \$1,000.00 bill with which to buy slot machines; that FARMER had not had an idea that GOETZ gave him this money in payment of FARMER'S services to GOETZ and his friends during the time BREMER was held.

The substance of the above information is contained in a signed statement secured at Chicago, Illinois, January 16, 1935, from ELMER FARMER by Agent McInt.

VAL C. ZIMMER, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will state that on January 16, 1935, the above mentioned signed statement of ELMER FARMER was completely read to FARMER by Special K.R. McIntire; that FARMER agreed that the statement was free and voluntary and was given without promise of reward, or through any threat of punishment, and that FARMER signed said statement with such an understanding.

K.R. McIntire, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will further advise that in addition to the information contained in the signed statement of FARMER, FARMER orally admitted that he had never borrowed any money from FRED GOETZ alias ZEIGLER and that, at the time the \$1,000.00 was given to FARMER by GOETZ, FARMER understood it to be in payment of his services to the kidnap gang and he had no intention of paying the same back; that, at the time the signed statement was secured, FARMER admitted to this witness that he knew he was "in the middle" and that he intended to take the consequences of his unlawful act.

FARMER also orally admitted that he saw HARRY SAWYER with GOETZ at ELMER'S TAVERN in Bensenville, Illinois, about two weeks after BREMER was released; that he did not see VOLNEY DAVIS alias "COTTON" at the hideout but that he saw DAVIS at ELMER'S TAVERN in company with GOETZ shortly after BREMER was released and that DAVIS was introduced to him, FARMER, as "COTTON"; that FARMER saw "COTTON" several times after the kidnaping and that he usually met "COTTON" on Lake Street or on North Avenue or at ELMER'S TAVERN in Bensenville, Illinois; that "COTTON" came to ELMER'S TAVERN about once every two or three weeks driving a new Pontiac Sedan with built-in trunk; that each time he saw "COTTON" the latter was accompanied by a woman introduced to him, FARMER, as "RABBITS"; that the last times FARMER saw "COTTON" were about a week before Christmas of 1934, and then again a few days after Christmas of 1934, when "COTTON" told FARMER that he "COTTON", had just come from Aurora, Illinois.

FARMER also admitted that he saw KARPIS and the two BARKERS at ELMER'S TAVERN about two months prior to January 16, 1935; that they were driving a 1934 Buick Coupe; that KARPIS' fingers were done up in bandages. (Apparently, it

was more than two months prior to January 16, 1935, in view of the fact that KARPIS' fingerprints were changed in March, 1934).

FARMER also orally stated that about two months prior to January 16, 1935, WILLIAM HARRISON, known to him as WILLIE HARRIS, visited ELMER'S TAVERN in company with KATE BARKER; that these parties were in the above mentioned 1934 Buick Coupe.

FARMER also orally admitted that "DOC" BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS have long cut scars under their jaws from the ears downward, advising further that efforts had been made to lift their faces in order to conceal their identity; that KARPIS is nervous, stoop-shouldered, very weak, and slender; that about one week or ten days before RUSSELL GIBSON was killed (January 8, 1935), GIBSON and "DOC" BARKER came to ELMER'S TAVERN in a Ford Sedan; that these parties came to his tavern on numerous occasions; that FARMER learned to know WILLIE HARRIS through GOETZ; that WILLIE was at ELMER'S TAVERN on numerous occasions while BREMER was being held at ALLDERTON'S house. (This witness has the original notes on the above mentioned information, which he took at the time of his interview with FARMER).

This witness will further advise that on or about March 20, 1935, he again interviewed ELMER FARMER at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time FARMER again orally admitted substantially all of the information contained in his signed statement and that noted above.

R.C. SURAN, Special Agent, AND
W.C. RYAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

These witnesses will state that on January 18, 1935, prior to taking ALLDERTON'S signed statement, ELMER FARMER was brought into the room where ALLDERTON was being held, and identified ALLDERTON as being the individual referred to in his, FARMER'S, signed statement; that, subsequently, on the same day, FARMER was again brought into the room and this time FARMER stated to ALLDERTON that he, FARMER, had made a complete signed statement and he would advise ALLDERTON to do likewise; that when FARMER faced ALLDERTON the second time, ALLDERTON became highly excited and accused FARMER of having told the KARPIS MOB the location of his, ALLDERTON'S brother in Kokomo, which FARMER denied. These witnesses will also state that on January 19, 1935, FARMER orally admitted to them that VOLNEY DAVIS, who was known to FARMER as "COTTON", was last seen by FARMER about two weeks before his, FARMER'S, arrest, (January 16, 1935); that DAVIS visited him at ELMER'S TAVERN in Bensenville, Illinois

and, at this time, DAVIS was driving a dark colored sedan, believed to be a Pontiac; that this was apparently a 1934 model sedan, having a built-in trunk on the rear; that DAVIS was always accompanied by the same blonde-haired woman he had seen with DAVIS on numerous occasions, and that he identified the photograph of EDNA MURRAY as being identical with this woman; that DAVIS stayed only a few minutes and drove away, saying that he would see FARMER again; that DAVIS had visited FARMER a few days before Christmas, 1934, and told him, FARMER, that he, DAVIS, had just come from MATT KIRSCH'S place in Aurora, Illinois; that KIRSCH had advised him, DAVIS, that things were "too hot" around Aurora, Illinois, as the "G" men were after him.

That about this same time, KARPIS was frequenting ELMER'S TAVERN in Bensenville, KARPIS driving a Pontiac Coupe; that KARPIS, at this time, was drinking considerable liquor; that prior to the killing of "SLIM" GRAY (RUSSELL GIBSON) he, FARMER, had seen "SLIM" and "DOC" BARKER frequently together at ELMER'S TAVERN and that it was his impression that KARPIS, FRED BARKER, and "MA" BARKER were then in Florida.

J.E.BRENNAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will state that on January 26, 1935, he, together with EDWARD G. BREMER, victim, interviewed ALLDERTON and FARMER, jointly, at the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota; that when ALLDERTON suggested that he told FARMER that BREMER was the person who was being held at his, ALLDERTON'S, home, FARMER interjected the remark that, he, FARMER, "nearly fell behind the bar" when ALLDERTON told him the identify of the person held at ALLDERTON'S home; that FARMER also stated that the gang had been hanging around his tavern (ELMER'S TAVERN) even up to the time of his, FARMER'S, arrest; that either "DOC" BARKER, KARPIS, or WILLIE HARRISON, would come around and ask him if any inquiry had been made in Bensenville, Illinois, concerning them or the kidnaping and that he always told them that there had not; that during the time that BREMER was held, WILLIE HARRISON was in his place (ELMER'S TAVERN) quite frequently and apparently was an outside watchman for the mob; that on one occasion, subsequent to the release of BREMER, KARPIS and a party referred to by FARMER as "HEAVY", came to his tavern and called him out to the car, at which time he noticed that KARPIS had bandages on each of his fingers and that, at that time, they inquired of FARMER as to whether inquiry had been made in Bensenville, Illinois, about the kidnaping.

The information to be furnished by each of the following witnesses is contained in the summary report of Special Agent K.R. McIntire, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated April 10, 1935, which is the summary report of ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER. For this reason, duplication will not be made here and after each witness will be shown the page number of the aforementioned report where the witnesses' testimony can be found.

HAROLD V. ALLDERTON,
Ramsey County Jail,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

PAGES 112 to 120.

This witness can testify as to the facts concerning BREMER'S being held at his house during the kidnap period.

HERMAN C. BAUCKE,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

PAGES 121 and 122.

This witness can furnish details corroborating the story of Victim BREMER.

MRS. EDWARD REID MOSCHEL,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness can furnish details corroborating the story of Victim BREMER.

EDWARD REID MOSCHEL,
180 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

PAGES 126 and 127.

This witness can furnish details corroborating the story of Victim BREMER.

MRS. EDWARD R. BISHOP,
323-Fifth Street,
Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

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This witness will testify relative to renting of the garage to
ALLDERTON.

EARL ROSENBERG, Superintendent,
Meter Department, Western Division,
Public Utilities Company of Northern Illinois,
1701 South First Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

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This witness will furnish electric meter reading charts showing
the amount of electricity consumed at the hideout house during the kidnap period.

MICHAEL CHALADYN,
Seventh Avenue and River Street,
Fairview, Illinois.

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This witness will testify relative to reading ALLDERTON'S meter
and finding an unusual consumption of electricity between January 18, 1934, and
February 16, 1934.

JAMES HILEY,
915 South Fifth Avenue,
Maywood, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that he rechecked the ALLDERTON meter
in the belief that a mistake had been made in the reading due to the unusual con-
sumption of electricity during the kidnap period.

GEORGE BOLDENBUCK,
Assistant Fire Chief,
132 North Center Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that the fire siren, in Bensenville, Illinois, was blown on January 29, 1934, in response to a fire on that date.

W.A. ERNSTING,
170 Mason Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will furnish records showing the blowing of the fire siren in Bensenville, Illinois, on January 29, 1934.

D.F. SULLIVAN,
168 South May Street,
Bensenville, Illinois.

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This witness will testify relative to the sounds that can be heard in the vicinity of the hideout house.

ADRIAN ELLIS, Chief Clerk to the
General Foreman of the Chicago, Milwaukee,
and St. Paul Roundhouse at Bensenville, Ill.
(This witness should be subpoenaed through
LAWRENCE BENSON, Chief Special Agent of the
Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad
Company, Chicago, Illinois.)

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This witness will testify as to the operation of the Diesel engine in Bensenville, Illinois, during the kidnap period.

R.C.SURAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify as to securing a portion of the wall paper from the room in which BREMER was held in the Bensenville hideout.

D.M.LADD, Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will testify that on January 17, 1935, Special Agent R.C.Suran delivered to him the wall paper which Suran obtained at the hideout house.

J.E.BRENNAN, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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This witness will testify that on January 19, 1935, he received from Mr. D.M.Ladd, at Chicago, Illinois, the piece of wall paper secured by Agent Suran.

J.L.MADALA, Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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This witness will state that on March 25, 1935, he, together with HERMAN C.BAUCKE, removed the knob and handle from the toilet in the hideout house in Bensenville, Illinois.

J.C.DUNCAN,
State Bureau of Criminal Identification,
and Investigation,
State Capitol,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

This witness will advise that the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #11906, was taken by him or under his personal supervision on February 19, 1922, at which time this witness was in charge of the Identification Bureau of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that at the same time that said photograph was taken, the original fingerprints of ARTHUR R. BARKER were also prepared, either by him or under his personal supervision.

The above referred to photograph is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office.

This witness will advise that the first photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, taken at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, under #12808, was taken by him or under his personal supervision on February 3, 1923, on entrance of VOLNEY DAVIS to said penitentiary on said date.

This witness will also state that VOLNEY DAVIS was fingerprinted by him or under his personal supervision.

Upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will produce the negative of the photograph of ARTHUR R. BARKER, taken on February 19, 1922.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that on or about January 9, 1935, he personally photographed ARTHUR R. BARKER at the Chicago Bureau Office. Upon subpoena duces tecum, this witness will present the photograph, together with the negative.

C.W. WILSON, Record Clerk,
Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas.

This witness will advise that he fingerprinted FRED BARKER, Kansas State Penitentiary #9836, who was incarcerated in that institution on March 12, 1927, and that he also fingerprinted ALVIN KARPIS, K.S.P. #1539.

This witness is presently occupying the position of record clerk at Kansas State Penitentiary. Upon service of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will furnish the original fingerprint cards.

C.C.WEST,
Coalgate, Oklahoma,

This witness will advise that the photograph of WILLIAM WEAVER, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #14993, which photograph was taken on April 7, 1925, was taken either by him or under his personal supervision.

The above referred to photograph is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office.

This witness will also state that the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS, which was taken on January 25, 1925, was taken either by him, or under his personal supervision. This photograph is designated, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #12808, and is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office. This is the photograph which appears on the identification order #1237 of VOLNEY DAVIS.

It is to be noted also that the fingerprints of VOLNEY DAVIS were taken by or under the personal supervision of Mr. C.C.WEST.

Upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, this witness will produce the negative of the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS taken on January 25, 1925. (This is the photograph in which the Bureau is interested.).

VITO BARKER,
307 Ord Street,
Kansas City, Missouri,

This witness will advise that he photographed EDNA MURRAY, Missouri State Penitentiary, #28933, and RUSSELL GIBSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, #32487; that this witness was incarcerated, himself, in Missouri State Penitentiary under #24973, at which time he photographed the above mentioned persons. He has signified his willingness to be a witness.

HARRY J. RIMBACK,
473 Truman Boulevard,
Hammond, Indiana.

OR

Care of Police Department,
Hammond, Indiana.

This witness will testify that on November 15, 1933, he was engaged in the official duties of taking photographs of prisoners at the Hammond, Indiana, Police Department; that on that date, he photographed WILLIAM J. HARRISON, giving said photograph Hammond, Indiana, Police Department number 1829. The negative of this photograph is in the possession of this witness and upon the service of a subpoena duces tecum, he will furnish said negative. (The above noted photograph is in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office.)

HANS NEILSEN,
4505 Seward Street,
Omaha, Nebraska.

This witness will advise that he is now a retired police officer but that on January 3, 1920, he was in active duty as a police officer and on that date photographed HARRY SAWYER, Omaha Police Department number 6463. Upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, he will be able to secure and produce the negative of the above mentioned picture. This photograph is now in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office, and will be furnished the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

W. H. MORGAN,
c/o Identification Bureau,
Police Department,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

This witness will produce and identify the photograph and negative of the photograph of HARRY CAMPBELL, Tulsa Police Department #1846, and will testify that he personally took this photograph on December 25, 1930.

Properly certified and duly authenticated copies of the judgment of conviction against ELMER FARMER on the charge of burglary on which he was sentenced to serve from one to twenty years in Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, have been secured and the same are available for the use of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sergeant ALBERT WODRICK
Chicago Police Department
District No. 22
943 Maxwell Street
Chicago, Illinois

This witness will state that he, together with Officers Miller and Fen, arrested ELMER FARMER for the above crime mentioned in Indictment No. 12646; that he clearly recalls the arrest because this was the first case tried in the then new Automobile Court in Chicago. However, this witness believes he may have difficulty in now identifying FARMER because of the length of time which has elapsed since the trial.

(NOTE: FARMER admitted this criminal record to Special Agent K. R. McIntire)

CRIMINAL RECORD.

Following is the criminal record of ELMER FARMER, which was secured from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.:

As ELMER FARMER, #72410, Chicago, Ill., 2-9-18, burglary; Joliet, Penitentiary, #5779, received at Joliet 2-28-18; 1 to 20 years.

As ELMER FARMER, PD, Chicago, Illinois, #c-1874, arrested 7-23-26, general principles.

As ELMER FARMER, #---, 1-16-35, Chicago Bureau Office, suspect.

Notation: ELMER FARMER, PD, Chicago, Ill., 1915, burglary, 1 to 20 years.

ELMER FARMER, #66425, Chicago, Ill., 3-14-16, burglary, no bill.

ELMER FARMER, Chicago, Ill., 5-4-18, larceny - 2; stricken off.

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HARRY SAWYER, with aliases: FRANK JAMES, "DUTCH" SAWYER, HARRY SANDELOVICH, HARRY H.PORCHE, "HARRY J.PORCH", HARRY SANDEVICH, HARRY SANDOVICH, "SEA LION", HARRY STANDLEY, "PORKY", HARRY SANDELOVITCH, "OMAHA DUTCH", "JEW HARRY", HARRY SANDELOVICH, JOSEPH SUPEVICH, I.O.#1240.

WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, with aliases: BYRON BOLTON, BRYON BOLTON, MONTY CARTER, MONTE CARTER, OWEN D.CARTER, OWEN BERNARD CARTER, BRYAN BOLTON, OWEN B.CARTER, "ANDY", O.B.CARTER, OWEN J.CARTER, B.BOLTON, ANDREW ALLEN, J.B.BOLTON, ANDY ALLEN.

JAMES J.WILSON, with aliases: JIMMIE WILSON, JIMMY WILSON, JAMES JACKSON, JAMES RYAN, "DR.JIM" WILSON, E.J.POWELL, H.MORLEY, JAMES BARROWMAN.

DR.JOSEPH P.MORAN, with aliases: JOSEPH B.MORAN, JOSEPH C.MORAN, "DOC" MORAN, JOSEPH PATRICK MORAN, I.O.#1232.

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PHILIP J. DELANEY, with aliases: PHILLIP DELANEY, PHIL DELANEY, PHILIP DELANEY,
PHILLIP GELANEY, PHILIP GELANEY.

JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR., with aliases: "BOSS" McLAUGHLIN, MR. SMITH,
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ELMER FARMER.

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HAROLD ALLERTON, HAROLD ELLERTON, HARRY ALLERTON.

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MRS. E. J. SNYDER, EDNA PRICE, MRS. "CURLY" HANSON,
MRS. G. L. HARPER, MARTHA MURRAY, VELMA TIPPITTS,
MRS. V. E. DAVIS.

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MRS. J. A. ORHOOD, MYRTLE KING, SUE HUBBLE,
MRS. WILLIAM THORNTON, M. RUTH MARTIN, RUTH HUBBARD,
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ELMER HOWE, WILLIAM HARRISON, WILLIE HARRIS, I.O.#1239.

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OTTO MARGO, OLIVER BENNETT.

BRUNO PUTIS, with aliases: "WHITIE", BRUNO AUSTIN, BILL LARSON, BRUNO PUTAS.

JOHN DOE.

RICHARD ROE.

MATTHEW GLEASON, with alias: MATT GLEASON.

JOSEPH H. ADAMS, with aliases: JOE ADAMS, J.H. ADAMS.

DUKE RANDALL, with aliases: HENRY RANDALL, HENRY STERNS, HENRY STERN.

NATHANIEL H. HELLER, with aliases: NATHAN HELLER, NAT HELLER, NATE HELLER,
N.H. HELLER.

CASSIUS M. McDONALD, with aliases: CASSIUS MICHAEL McDONALD, C.M. McDONALD,
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SUMMARY REPORT.

The title of this case is being CHANGED to set out the additional aliases of the various subjects, as underlined.

The title is being changed, further, to eliminate the alias, J.A.WARE, for WILLIAM WEAVER, and the alias, MRS. J.A.WARE, for MYRTLE EATON, in view of the fact that it appears that WEAVER did not, in fact, purchase an automobile in the name of J.A.WARE at Wausau, Wisconsin.

Subjects DOLORES DELANEY and WYNONA BURDETTE are being dropped from the title of this report in view of their prosecution.

ARTHUR R. BARKER

This summary is intended to present all of the evidence available with regard to ARTHUR R. BARKER alias "DOC" BARKER.

At about 8:30 or 9:00 A.M., on January 17, 1934, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER took his young daughter to the Summit School, 1150 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. At this time, he drove his own Lincoln Sedan automobile. After depositing his daughter at the said school, he, alone, proceeded to the corner of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was kidnaped by at least two men, one man entering Victim's car from the right side of the driver's seat, the other man entering from the left side of the driver's seat. At the time of his abduction, Victim Bremer was severely beaten over the head by a blunt instrument, causing his head to bleed severely and, immediately upon his abduction, a large pair of welder's glasses were taped over his eyes to obstruct his vision. He was driven in his own car for a short distance in St. Paul, Minnesota, to a point in the vicinity of 1910 Edgumbe Road, where he was taken out of his own car and placed in another car, which he believes to have been a sedan. Victim was forced to ride with his abductors for the remainder of the day on January 17, 1934. At approximately 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock P.M., on January 17, 1934, the abductor's arrived at their destination and removed Victim from the automobile into a house where he was forcefully held in a small room. He remained a kidnap Victim in this room until the morning of February 7, 1934, when he was removed from said house and placed in a one seated automobile. He was transported to an unknown point in this one seated car and was then removed by his abductors into a sedan. His abductors forced him to ride with them the remainder of the day on February 7, 1934, and at approximately 8:00 o'clock P.M., on said date, he was released by his abductors at Rochester, Minnesota, after the payment of a ransom of \$200,000.00.

On May 4, 1934, the facts in this case were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, and a True Bill of indictment returned by the Grand Jury on May 4, 1934. The indictment charges ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, ROY GRAY alias "SLIM" alias "MR. SMITH", "IZZY" alias "MR. JONES", who is described as 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 to 170 pounds, having pock marked cheeks, and a large nose; JOHN DOE, who is described as 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, light complexion; RICHARD ROE, aged 40 years, height 5 feet 10 inches, 165 pounds, sandy hair; FRANKIE WRIGHT; PHILIP DELANEY; and JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce, and hold for \$200,000.00 ransom, one, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER.

ARTHUR R. BARKER was arrested by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, at Chicago, Illinois, on January 8, 1935. On January 17, 1935, he was removed to St. Paul, Minnesota, after waiving all removal proceedings.

On January 22, 1935, ARTHUR R. BARKER was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, charging that between December 1, 1933, and May 1, 1934,

ALVIN KARPAVICZ, ARTHUR R. BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, KIMER FARMER, HAROLD ALDERTON, WILLIAM WEAVER, HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, OLIVER A. BERG, JOSEPH PATRICK MORAN, JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, SR., WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, PHILIP J. DELANEY, "WHITIE", BYRON BOLTON, JAMES J. WILSON, JESS DOYLE, EDNA MURRAY, MYRTLE EATON, JOHN DOE, and RICHARD ROE, conspired to transport the kidnap victim, BREMER, from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, and to hold him for \$200,000.00 ransom, in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a.

The second indictment was also returned by the Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 22, 1935, against ARTHUR R. BARKER, charging that on January 17, 1934, ALVIN KARPAVICZ, ARTHUR R. BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, KIMER FARMER, HAROLD ALDERTON, WILLIAM WEAVER, HARRY SAWYER, WILLIAM J. HARRISON, and BYRON BOLTON, JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE, transported the kidnap victim, BREMER, from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, where they held him for \$200,000.00 ransom in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, Chapter 271, 47 Stat. 326; 18 U.S.C. 408a.

At this time, bond was fixed in the sum of \$100,000.00, in default of which ARTHUR R. BARKER was remanded to the Ramsey County Jail, St. Paul, Minnesota, to await the action of the United States District Court in April, 1935.

The return of the indictment against ARTHUR R. BARKER at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, will cause the statute of limitations to cease operating as of that date.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM,
92 North Mississippi River Boulevard,
St. Paul, Minnesota,

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, vice-president, Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, will testify that during the fall and winter of 1933-34, he resided in St. Paul, Minnesota, and that it was customary for him to drive his nine year old daughter from his home to her school on Goodrich Avenue each morning; that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he drove his daughter to school in his Lincoln Sedan; and after leaving her at school, proceeded out Goodrich Avenue to Lexington Avenue, both of which avenues are in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he stopped for a traffic "stop" sign; that, as he stopped, a man approached the left front door of his car, held a pistol to his, BREMER'S side and told him to move over; that, at the same time, another man approached the car from the opposite side, opened the right front door, struck him over the head several times and shoved him to the floor, with his head under the instrument board; that goggles, which were in effect a blindfold, because of the fact that they were covered with adhesive tape, were placed over his eyes at that time; that these two men entered the front seat of the car and drove a distance of several blocks or more; and after stopping, forced him to sign his name to a paper, at which time he was transferred to another automobile and driven continually until several hours after dark; that this car contained three men and himself; that after several hours of travel, this car stopped and another car immediately drove up as if it had been accompanying the car containing BREMER; that gasoline cans were heard being taken from the second car and gasoline was put into the tank of the car containing BREMER; that he was then driven further, until a short time after dark, when two of the men in the car with him took him out into a field while the third man drove off and returned a short time later; that about forty-five minutes later, while riding in the car, he was forced to lie on the floor, at which time he heard sounds of what appeared to be electric city street cars; that, at the time he heard what sounded like street cars, it was approximately one hour after darkness had fallen; that approximately a little more than two hours after hearing the immediately aforementioned sounds, he reached the hideout, where he was ordered out of the car. He will state that, upon his arrival at the hideout house, the car in which he was riding drove a short distance past the house and that he walked back to the house and entered the house where he was placed in a chair in a small room in which room he remained constantly, sleeping therein, until February 7, 1934, the day of his release. Before entering the house, he walked over what appeared to be hard frozen ground. He will state that each morning, during his captivity, he was placed in a straight-backed chair in a corner of this room, face to the wall, and the blindfold taken off; that the blindfold was not over his eyes during these days and he could, consequently, see clearly that the walls of his room, which appeared before him, contained wall paper; that he has a recollection of the pattern of this wall paper; that he has been shown a sample specimen of the wall paper by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has identified

said specimen as being of a pattern similar to that on the wall of the room wherein he was held captive; that each night he was blindfolded when put to bed; that, at various times during his captivity, as many as five men were known to have been present at the hideout at the same time; that about midnight of the second night of his captivity, which was January 18, 1934, he was awakened and in the presence of several men, whom he did not see, was ordered to write some letters; that he then wrote three letters with pen and ink as follows:

Friday evening,

Dr. H. T. Nippert,
Lowry Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

I am enclosing herewith two letters which please deliver for me at once. Deliver them both to my father at the house--855 West 7th St. or at the office, wherever he may be--it is very important that they be delivered right away as it means a lot to me. Be sure however not to say a word to anyone else that you have been given these letters to deliver. The reason I am writing to you is because I know you can be trusted not to say anything.

Edward G. Bremer.

Friday evening,

Dear Walter:

I'm sorry to have called on you but I felt you were the old standby. Assure Emily & Pat that I'm allright. I knew you would use your head & work on this all alone--no police. The people that have me have given the impression that that you are not working alone. Walter, please do. I know you will for me. I've been told that the reason the first plan was not gone through with was because you were working with the police. Again I say please work all alone & I'm sure everything will come out allright. Be sure now--no strings allowed here. You & You alone. These people are going to give you a new plan. Work according to their directions--& again I say--alone--no police--just you.

Edward
E. G. Bremer.

Friday evening

Dearest Patz,

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Please don't worry. I hope everything will come out allright. Tell

Hertz to be a good little girl, her daddy is thinking of her all the time and to see you or her again is all that I want. I suppose you are worrying about the blood in the car. I have a cut on my head which bleed a lot but it has been dressed & is alright now. Tell Pa too not to worry. I'm treated nice & the only thing I have to ask is to keep the police out of this so that I am returned to you all safely.

Yours,

Ed."

He will testify that although these letters were written on Thursday, at midnight, he wrote "Friday evening" at the top of each upon instructions of the kidnapers; that about the Wednesday prior to the second Saturday of his captivity, he signed his name to several papers at the request of the kidnapers; that he wrote one letter in ink to "Father Deere", which is as follows:

"My Dear Father Deere:

I am calling on you as a representative of God to do something for me. It must be a secret--every bit as much as a confession & under those circumstances I am calling on you. Enclosed herewith is a letter addressed to my father. This letter is to be delivered to him--unopened & may I take the privilege of asking you to be the good Samaritan.

If you listen in on the radio & read the St. Paul papers you will have heard or seen that my father has made a special appeal to everyone to not interfere & let him work on my being returned alone.

It is therefore necessary that someone take this letter to him, someone whose coming to see him will not create any suspicion & I could think of no one better than you.

Please take this letter to my father at once. It may be asking a lot but it means so much to me. Go to the house as you usually do--to pay him a visit but don't let on to anyone that you have this letter. Don't give him the letter when anyone else is present. You can make the opportunity so that you are alone with him.

Thank you for your kindness in doing this for me & may God speed you on your way.

Ever appreciative,

Edward Bremer."

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will testify that he wrote a letter in ink to ADOLPH BREMER, as follows:

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"My Dear Father:

I've seen the newspaper in which it states that you have made arrangements for everyone to lay off for three days so that this letter can reach you and contact to be made to pay off. I am sure that your word is good & that will be as the paper stated namely--the boys can get this letter to you & make arrangements to receive the money & also get the money without anyone but you & the man that is to pay off know anything about it. That means that no police or government officer will know anything about it & it can all be done on the quiet. Even though the police & government officers know nothing of these pay off arrangements, they will not be active in any way whatsoever during this three day period so that there will not be any slip up.

I told the boys that you were a man of your word when you said that there would not be any prosecution on your part and they are absolutely relying on that.

They also told me that they have tried to deal with you right along but that the government men have made it impossible. They said the government told you that they were not working but all the time they were working behind your back.

Now, Pa, I am absolutely relying on what you said in the paper--I know that you mean every word of it and will stick by your word. I am as well as can be expected & am assured by the boys that I will be returned safe as soon as you have paid off.

Pa please hurry as this is a matter of living years every day. I know you will do all in your power. Rush it through & relieve the terrible anxiety. Now please do just as the boys instruct you to & don't waste any time. The sooner the better.

Pa, I'm relying on you this is most unbearable. Its just a living hell. I'm trying the best thats in me to fight it through so I can see you & Emily & Hertz again.

Your

Edward."

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will further testify that he wrote a letter in ink as follows:

"My dearest Patz & Hertz:

Oh, I've been thinking of you so much, day and night. I'm sure you

could nearly feel it. I never knew I could miss you two so much. I can just see you waiting for me to come back. My dears, don't loose courage. I'll be back with you before long & we'll never be apart again. I'm at a loss what to say. If I could only express my feelings, you could understand.

Now, my dears, pray hard and don't loose courage. I'll be holding you both in my arms before long & that is all that I want in this world is both of you.

Your own

Daddy.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will testify that he wrote a letter to Miss Lillian Dickman as follows:

"My Dear Lil;

As my old stand by I am calling on you to do something for me that it seems no one else can do. I must get the enclosed letter to my father--unopened--& I know if I intrust it in your care it will be done. I suppose you know that my father has made a special appeal to everybody, police & government officers included, to lay off for three days so that he can make his own arrangements to get me back. Now the next thing is--is to get the instructions to him--& you old pal will not fail me I know.

As soon as you receive this note, take it to my father, please. Be sure that no one knows that you have received it. When you take it, don't say anything about it. If anyone stops you to ask you what you want, tell them you have some bank matters to take up with him or anything else you want to tell them but don't let on about this letter. When you get to see my father, be sure you are alone with him when you give him the letter. I know I don't have to tell you any more because you always understand.

Please girl hurry--but don't loose your head--I know you won't as I'm sure you'll do just as I ask you to. We always did understand each other.

It's a living hell here & the time I've been here seems like ages. Please do your part & I'm assured I'll be home soon. Please hurry & be careful.

As always

Ed."

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will identify his signature on each of the typewritten ransom notes.

The originals of these letters are being furnished to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, with copies of this report.

EDWARD GEORGE BREMER will further advise that, upon his arrival at the hideout house, two dogs barked and these dogs appeared to be very close to the house; that these dogs barked on frequent occasions during the entire time that he was held in Bensenville. He will state that almost every day he heard a group of children playing in close proximity to the house; that the noises of the children indicated that they were probably from four to eight years of age; that he heard them particularly on Saturdays and that he often heard children passing through the yard adjoining the hideout house; that, when he arrived at the hideout house, his head, having been badly injured by beating received from his abductors, was cleansed and the hair about the wound was removed by the use of a razor and that mercurochrome was placed on the wound; that the bandages on his head were changed every few days after his arrival and that he is of the opinion that ordinary gauze was used for bandaging. He will advise that, after the first few days of his confinement, the goggles which had been placed over his eyes at the time of his abduction were removed and he was permitted to sit in his room without any obstruction over his face, except when he was removed to the bathroom, which was generally in the evening. At this time, the bandage would again be placed over his eyes. In explanation of his inability to identify any of the kidnapers, he will state that when food was placed before him, or when papers were given to him, for his signature, a bath towel was always held over his eyes and the objects placed before him at which time the towel would be removed. He will state that no person remained in his bedroom with him except when they were getting him to sign letters, but that parties remained on guard in the adjoining room; that these persons on guard always talked in whispers; that, while he was at the hideout, his abductors always requested him to speak in whispers and that often times when he talked to them they cautioned him not to speak so loudly. Victim is of the impression that from five to eight men talked to him at different times. Although from five to eight men talked to him at different times he will state that there were only two or three different persons who got him to sign papers and that, invariably, other persons were in the room at the time he signed the papers. He will state that he often smelled liquor on the persons at the hideout; that a few days after his arrival his abductors asked him if he desired any beer or liquor. On either the first or second day of his confinement, Victim was asked the size of his collar, the person asking him explaining that his collar contained blood and that they would get him another. On the day on which he was released he was furnished with a shirt, a suit of underwear, and a pair of socks.

With regard to the contents of the hideout bedroom, BREMER will advise that he slept in an iron bed and that the uprights on each end appeared to contain a design such as a scroll; that the bed was approximately the full length of the

width of the room and that the room was almost square. He will advise that he heard noises above his bedroom, which indicated that the space above was occupied by a man and a woman; further, that he heard a small child, of approximately one year of age, crying above him and that he also heard another child, of approximately four years of age, playing on the floor above him. He knows that on several occasions he heard the flush of a toilet on the floor above him; that, from the sound of the persons walking above him, he believed that the floor was made of wood without much covering. From the sounds heard, he gathered that the room above him was the bedroom, as he heard very little noise therein during the day and the majority of the sounds were in the morning and the evening. Victim heard no noises from the floor above him, except on one occasion he heard the crying of a baby, or a small child. He will state that in order to reach the bathroom he would leave his bedroom through a door which was near the head of his bed, which door opened into his bedroom; that, after passing through this door, it appeared that he would cross a room larger than the one in which he slept and in the approximate middle of which room was located a coal stove; that, in passing the stove he could always feel the heat; that, after walking past the stove, he crossed to the opposite side of the room and went through a door opening in which there apparently was no door or curtains; that, in passing from the room which contained the coal stove to the next room, the threshold appeared to be about one inch above the level of the room containing the stove; that, after crossing this threshold, he entered the bathroom; that the door to the bathroom opened into the bathroom and the toilet was to the left of the door upon entering. He will state that the lever for flushing the toilet consisted only of what appeared to be a metal screw, the enamel, or woodwork, which originally covered it, having been either removed or broken off. He will advise that the kitchen was adjacent to what he considered the large living room in which there was a large coal burning heating stove and that the kitchen was to the right of the living room as the living room was entered from the Victim's bedroom; that he heard the noise of cooking and particularly of frying in the kitchen on many occasions and will advise that he is sure that the cook stove was a coal burner as he could hear parties putting coal on the fire; that he often heard the parties putting coal on the fire in the stove in the room next to his bedroom; that he also heard them shaking the grate and taking up ashes; that he heard the sound of a small shovel used in removing the ashes; that he never heard sounds which indicated the use of wood in connection with either of the stoves; that he heard sounds indicating that coal was being shoveled from a bin into the coal scuttles and that the sound indicated that the coal was being kept in a position near the kitchen. He is convinced that these sounds came from the floor on which he was confined; that the sound of a large shovel also reached him. Victim will advise that the floor in his room was of wood and he remembers hearing it squeak when he walked on the floor. Victim will state that he observed the wall paper on the wall in his room, the design of which he has described as containing a small fence and a tree; that the tree appeared to have a large four-leaf clover design for a leaf. He will state that the wall paper contained a small border, between twelve and fifteen inches in width, at the top of the wall next to the ceiling; that the design in the border appeared to correspond with the design on the wall paper but was of a darker hue. He will testify that he observed the wall paper in one of the corners of the room,

where he observed a break in the paper a few inches to the left of the corner and beginning a short distance beneath the border and running down a short distance to the level of his head; where this break in the paper merged into the corner of the room; that from this merger on down to the floor there were continual breaks in the paper running parallel across the corner. He will advise that the other articles in his room were a small table approximately thirty-six inches long and twenty inches wide, which table was shaky on its legs; an ordinary chair; and a rug on the floor, the description of which he does not recall. He will advise that there was an ordinary size house window in his room, on his immediate right, and that this window was covered on the inside by a large board; that this covering fitted very well at the side but did not fit very well at the bottom; that there was a small opening on the left-hand bottom side through which the light of day would fall and by which he could determine daylight and dusk; that, to the best of his recollection, this board was nailed at the side into the window sill; that this wood was covered by a single curtain which was hung at the top and covered only the length of the window. He will state that his bedroom had electric lights in the middle of the room from which an electric cord was dropped; that in walking about the room the cord extended down just far enough to lightly touch the top of his head. He will advise that on the next to the last Saturday of his confinement one of his abductors offered to bet him a box of cigars that he would be home by the night of the next day; that the person who talked to him concerning these cigars was the one who was the kindest of all to him; that he was not the one who appeared to be regularly guarding him as, for several days at a time, he would be away from the hideout; that this man is one of the parties who sat with Victim in the car on the day of the kidnaping and was also with him on the day of the return; that he was the person who accompanied the Victim from the house to the car upon the return trip; that when they got into the first car on the return trip, this is the person who sat at his right. Victim will state that, on several occasions, during his confinement, he heard the sound of an electric vacuum cleaner in the room next to his and he is sure that it was operated on the rug of the floor by a man. He is convinced that no woman was ever on the same floor where he was located during his confinement.

In connection with the food, which was served him, Victim will advise that he believed that the food was cooked by a man, because it was always too well seasoned. He will also state that on one occasion he was served fish, which appeared to him to be fresh Perch. He was also served fresh strawberry shortcake on another occasion.

Victim will also state that he was shaved only once during his confinement and that was on the morning of February 7, 1934, the day of his release. He will also state that during his confinement one of the men at the hideout appeared to have a cold and coughed during the entire time of his incarceration; that the cough indicated a chest and not a head cold. (This party is HAROLD ALDERTON).

In connection with the sounds which he sometimes heard from his bedroom and which sounds he believed to have come from cars used by his abductors, Victim

will advise that, occasionally, the cars appeared to be on the side of the house on which his bedroom was located and, at other times, the cars appeared to be on the opposite side of the house. (It is observed that there is an alley running past the hideout room and there is also a driveway on the opposite side of the hideout house.) Victim will advise that during his confinement he heard what he believed to be a factory whistle and a siren, similar to a fire siren, which were blown occasionally during the late morning hours, probably about noon time. These sounds were heard regularly during the week days. He will advise that he also heard the same siren blow each week day in the evening at what he estimates to be between five and six o'clock. He will advise that he believes that on one Sunday morning during his confinement he heard the siren blow three or four short blasts. He cannot be accurate as to the exact day on which he heard this siren; however, it was unusual inasmuch as it did not blow at the scheduled time and it is his impression that the siren was blown in response to a fire. He will further advise that during his confinement he heard what he believed to be a churchbell ringing late on Saturday afternoon and that he regularly heard the same bell ringing on Sunday morning. He will also advise that he heard another churchbell ringing each Sunday morning. He will further advise that during his confinement he heard the sound of numerous trains passing through the town in which he was held; that he believes that the largest amount of train traffic was in the morning and in the evening, giving the impression that the trains were of an interurban character. He will further state that each afternoon, a short time after the blowing of the factory whistle, he heard what appeared to be a horn, or whistle, which was on a moving object, but he was unable to further identify the sound and could not say whether it came from a bus or a truck or a small railroad truck. The sound was similar to a horn, or whistle, which is used on a small electric or gasoline propelled railroad train. He will also advise that his room was located in close proximity to the intersection of two highways, from which point he could hear the exhaust of what appeared to be motortrucks, or buses, and he could hear them change and shift gears, which indicated that they might be stopping and he gathered the impression that they were close by and possibly stopping, or changing gears, for a railroad crossing or an arterial intersection. He will advise that one evening during his confinement a stranger paid a visit to the hideout house; that, on this occasion, two of the abductors came quickly into Victim's room and partially closed the door and turned out the light; that these abductors sat on Victim's bed during the entire time the caller was at the house, which may have been approximately an hour. He will state that during the visit of this stranger it was his impression that the door between the kitchen and the living room was closed; that one of the kidnapers stayed in the kitchen where the stranger was received and that the stranger spent the entire time in the kitchen. He believes that two of the abductors remained in the living room adjoining the bedroom while the stranger visited in the kitchen but that all four abductors remained very quiet during the stay of the stranger. He will advise that his abductors explained to him that the caller was an old trapper, who lived near the lake.

With regard to his return trip, on February 7, 1934, Victim Bremer will advise that he left the hideout house at approximately 10:00 o'clock in the morning; that he

was removed by one of his abductors, who walked on his right side; that he had goggles on his face and that he was told to place a handkerchief over his face and to walk straight ahead. He will advise that he walked approximately thirty feet from the hideout house to the first car in which he was placed, and that he walked over what appeared to be well frozen dirt; that he was placed in what appeared to be a one-seated car, it not being definitely known to him whether the same was a roadster or coupe and that a few minutes later another man entered from the left and drove the car, while the other sat immediately to his right. From the sounds he could hear, he felt confident that the car was not a sedan, or any type of two-seated car; that, after riding a short distance, he was transferred to another car but that he has no idea as to how much time, or distance, was consumed while riding in the first car; that the second car, in which he was placed, was a sedan. When he entered the second car, he sat on the floor immediately behind the driver, with his back against the back of the front seat and his right side leaning against the left rear door. He will advise that, at one time, his right hand touched the butt of what appeared to be either a shotgun or rifle on the floor. He will advise that there was a round tin can immediately on his left and on which he could comfortably rest his left elbow; that this can appeared to be an ordinary five-gallon tin can, which contained gasoline, inasmuch as he continually smelled the strong odor of gasoline, which, at times, almost nauseated him. He recalls that on the return journey only one man sat in the rear of the car with him, while two persons sat in the front seat. He will advise that when approximately half the distance had been covered between the hideout house and Rochester, Minnesota, the car in which he was riding turned off from the paved road and, after ten or fifteen minutes, appeared to pull to the side of the road and the two men in the front seat and the one in the rear seat got out and took out of the car at least two tin cans containing gasoline, at least one of which was taken from the front seat and the other from the rear seat. Victim was unable to state whether or not there were more than two cans of gasoline in the car but will state that it was possible that three or four cans could have been in the car. He is quite certain that no other car was present when they stopped and the said gasoline cans were removed from the car. He recalls hearing his abductors pour the gasoline into the gas tank of the car in which he was riding; that this refilling of gasoline occupied approximately five or ten minutes; that they then turned around and resumed their journey on what appeared to be the same highway on which they had been traveling previously. Victim will state that the car in which he was riding made a third stop on the return trip, at approximately an hour before he was released at Rochester, Minnesota; that a short time before the last stop was made, the driver made the remark that they would stop in a few minutes in order to call and see if the money had been marked. Victim will advise that the car stopped and one of the men from the front seat and one from the rear of the car got out of the car with him and the driver continued on without turning around and proceeded out of hearing distance. It is Victim's impression that the road on which they stopped at this time was a gravel road because he claims to have heard gravel striking the fenders of the car. He will state that he got out of the car on the right side and walked from the road down a slight incline, which appeared to be a drainage ditch, not deep or with sharp walls but merely a small dip, and, after walking through it,

proceeded just a few feet further where, together with the two men, he squatted down while a train passed; that this was approximately one hour prior to his release at Rochester, Minnesota, and that the train was going in the same direction as he and his abductors had been traveling; that the driver drove off in the same direction and when the Victim re-entered the car, he proceeded in the same direction. It was Victim's impression that the train which passed was a passenger train rather than a freight train. It is Victim's impression that his abductors stopped in order to refill the car with gasoline. He will state that approximately an hour after the last stop, on the return trip, he and his abductors arrived at Rochester, Minnesota, where he was ordered out of the car in the middle of the street, where he was ordered to stand with his back towards the direction in which the kidnappers' car was headed; that he was then told to count slowly to fifteen, after which he could remove the bandage, turn around, and proceed to the first intersection, and then turn to the left to the main street of Rochester, Minnesota; that, after getting out of the car, he counted slowly up to five, at which point, one of the kidnappers told him that they hadn't gone yet and to start counting again; that, when he heard the kidnappers' car leave, he waited a short time, then removed the goggles and bandage from his eyes, threw the goggles into a clump of weeds, and then made arrangements for his return to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Victim Bremer will advise that on January 19, 1935, he accompanied Special Agent John E. Brennan of the St. Paul Bureau Office to Bensenville, Illinois, where he examined a house formerly occupied by HAROLD ALBERTON; that, after a thorough examination, he recognized the house as the place in which he had been held as a kidnap victim, pending the payment of ransom. Among other things, he will be able to identify the hideout house by virtue of the following items:

- The design of the wallpaper in the room in which he was held;
- A crack in the wallpaper in a corner of the room;
- The position of the window and height of the window sill;
- The electric light drop;
- The step-up between the living room and bedroom;
- That there was a bedroom immediately adjoining the toilet room;
- That the toilet handle was broken;
- That there was a coal stove in the living room, the grates of which were defective;
- That the entrance to the house was through the kitchen;
- That there was a door between the kitchen and living room;
- That there was a bedroom adjoining the room in which he was held, which bedroom was in the direction towards the kitchen;
- That there was a wooden floor in the house;
- That the sound of cooking was the same as he had previously heard;
- That the route travelled from the room in which he was held to the toilet room was the same.

This is in addition to the fact that he heard a whistle and a siren blowing each day at the same time; that the sound of trains was the same; and that a church bell was rung at 6:00 P.M., on Saturdays and at no other time during the week except Sunday, when another church bell also rang; that there were two dogs about the place and that he heard children going to and from school, this house being but one block from school.

ITEMS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY VICTIM BREMER.

WALLPAPER.

The original drawing of Victim Bremer's interpretation of the type of wallpaper found in his hideout room, is in the possession of this office, and Victim Bremer will be able to testify as to the preparation of this drawing. He will also be able to identify a piece of wallpaper taken from the walls of the room in the hideout house in which he was held, which wallpaper was removed from the wall by Special Agent Surran, as being identical with the wallpaper which was on the walls of his room during the time he was held by his abductors. The paper taken from the wall of the hideout house, as well as Victim's original drawing, are being transmitted to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, with copies of this report.

GOGGLES.

The Cesco welder's goggles, which were used by the abductors to obstruct the vision of Victim Bremer are in the possession of this office and will be transmitted to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, with copies of this report. Victim Bremer will be able to identify these goggles as being the goggles which were worn by him at times during the period of his abduction.

TOILET HANDLE.

The broken toilet handle, found in the bathroom in the house in which Victim Bremer was held, has been secured by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Victim Bremer will be competent to identify this toilet handle as being identical with the toilet handle found in the bathroom in the hideout house. This toilet handle is being forwarded to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, with copies of this report.

UNDERWEAR.

Victim Bremer will be competent to introduce a suit of underwear, which is now in the possession of this office, and which will be transmitted to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial, as being the underwear which was furnished him by the kidnapers on February 7, 1934, the date of his release.

SOCKS.

Victim Bremer will be competent to identify the pair of socks now in possession of this office, and which are being forwarded to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, with copies of this report, as being the socks which were furnished by the abductors on February 7, 1934, the date of his release.

SHIRT.

Victim Bremer will be competent to introduce and identify a shirt which was furnished him by his abductors on the morning of February 7, 1934, the date of his release. This shirt is now in possession of this office and will be transmitted to the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

RANSOM NOTES.

Victim Bremer will be able to introduce and identify all ransom notes signed by himself, and such other letters as were written by him during the course of his abduction.

L. G. ROSE,
photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will advise that he took all the photographs of the ALLDERTON home which are now in the possession of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota; that his records reflect that he photographed the interior of the ALLDERTON home in Bensenville on January 16, 1935, and the exterior on January 19, 1935; that the photography of the interior of the ALLDERTON home was done in the presence of Special Agent R. C. SURAN of the Chicago Bureau office; that the negatives of all the photographs taken by MR. ROSE of the ALLDERTON home are in the custody of the Chicago Bureau office and will be furnished by MR. ROSE upon service of a subpoena duces tecum.

L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF L.G. ROSE, Photographer,
FOR USE IN QUALIFYING HIM AS AN EXPERT WITNESS.

From July, 1909 to May, 1912 -	- Assistant Photographer with U.S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C. Photography of maps and general scientific photography.
From May, 1912, to September, 1915 -	- Photographer in charge U.S. Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D.C. General ordnance photography.
March, 1916 -	- Photographer with Pathe Freres, General Cine Photography, Los Angeles, Calif.
From March, 1916 to April, 1917 -	- Commercial photographer with J.J. JOHNSON CO., 732 Federal Street, Chicago, Ill.
From April, 1917 to March, 1921 -	- In business for myself. General commercial photography, 116-118 Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio.
From May, 1921 to July, 1923 -	- Photographer in charge Vindicator Pub. Co., Youngstown, Ohio. General news and commercial photography.
From July, 1923 to March, 1930 -	- In business, 173 Main Street, New Britain, Conn. General photography.
From August, 1930 to July, 1932 -	- Salesman - Demonstrator, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N.Y. On the road.
From July, 1932 to June, 1934 -	- Free lance color photography, Los Angeles and Hollywood, Calif.
From July, 1934, (presently employed) -	- Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Chicago, Illinois.

ROY E. NELSON,
Head Clerk,
Department of Highways,
State of Minnesota,
St. Paul, Minnesota

The above witness will identify the official map issued by the
State of Minnesota through the Minnesota Highway Department. This official
map is at present in the files of the St. Paul office.

R.T.CASH,
District Engineer,
Courier News Building,
Elgin, Illinois.

This witness will be able to introduce the official road map for the State of Illinois for 1933, and to testify that the 1933 map was used as the official map of Illinois until May 1, 1934; that this road map is made up under the direct supervision of the Illinois Division of Highways and contains data furnished by each District Engineer; that the section of Illinois located north of a line drawn through Joliet is divided into two sections, MR. CASH having supervision over the district in which Bensenville, Illinois, is located. This witness can, upon subpoena duces tecum, furnish a road map for his own district and can testify to the correctness of the Illinois State Map.

The official maps for the State of Illinois for 1933 and 1934, are in the possession of the St. Paul Office and will be furnished the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to trial.

The district over which this witness has supervision covers the following counties in Illinois: Boone, McHenry, Lake, DeKalb, Kane, DuPage, Kendall, and Will, and his district is designated as District No. 1. The Official highway map for District No. 1 has been furnished the St. Paul Office and will be sent to the U.S. Attorney at St. Paul prior to trial.

O.F.GOECKE,
District Engineer,
Division of Highways,
Department of Public Works and Building,
District #2,
Dixon, Illinois.

This witness has supervision over District #2 of Illinois State Highways, said district being composed of the following counties: Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee, Rock Island, Henry, and Bureau.

This witness' testimony will be the same as that of R.T.CASH. He will be able to introduce an official map of District No. 2. This map is now in the possession of the St. Paul Bureau Office and will be furnished the U.S. Attorney at St. Paul prior to trial.

In subpoenaing these witnesses, arrangements should be made through ERNST LIBERMAN, Chief Highway Engineer, Division of Highways, Department of Public Works and Buildings, Springfield, Illinois.

WILLIAM HOENIG,
Maintenance Engineer,
Wisconsin State Highway Commission,
State Office Building,
Madison, Wisconsin.

This witness will advise as to his official position and will present the official map used by the State Highway Department of the State of Wisconsin during January and February, 1934; (This map has already been furnished to the St. Paul Office.); that this map is designated for the year 1933, but that same was used until April, 1934, when the new maps were issued.

This witness will also be able to introduce circular letters issued by the Wisconsin State Highway Commission on January 19, 1934, and February 9, 1934, showing the condition of the highways. (These circular letters are now in the possession of the St. Paul Office.)

MR. L. H. CATHER,
Civil Engineer,
(Associated with Charles DeLuew Company)
1812-20 North Wacker Drive,
Chicago, Illinois.

This witness will be able to produce a map of the town of Bensenville, Illinois, and will advise that this map was compiled from the DuPage County records at Wheaton, Illinois, under his personal supervision; that the CHARLES DELUEW COMPANY has the original tracings of this map and he will be able to produce the same upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

This witness expects expert witness fees in the sum of \$25.00 a day and, in the event that he is subpoenaed, he suggests that he be notified in sufficient time so that he may be able to go to Bensenville, Illinois, and locate the hideout house on his map.

CHARLES ARTHUR BRUNS,
Chauffeur for Mr. Phil Ray,
985 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Will advise that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he drove the RAY children to the Summit School, 1150 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and while parked in front of this school he saw Victim Bremer drive up in front of his car and saw the Victim's daughter get out and, thereupon, Bremer proceeded towards Lexington Avenue; that he, BRUNS, followed within a few yards of him; that when he, BRUNS, approached the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, he saw what he believed to be two men, one on each side of Victim's car, which had come to a stop at that intersection; that he could not recognize either of these men; that they appeared to be talking but he could not hear what was said as the windows in his car were closed; that the man standing in the driver's side of Bremer's car had the door open and was leaning inside the car; that he saw a large dark sedan, make unknown, parked next to the corner where the Victim's car was standing, facing south on Lexington Avenue; that this occurred about 8:25 or 8:35 A.M., on January 17, 1934.

MISS FLORENCE MATHES,
1097 Goodrich Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness is able to state that between 8:30 and 8:35 A.M., on January 17, 1934, she was looking out of her apartment window, which apartment is located on the northeast corner of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, and that she noticed a young man standing on the northwest corner of the intersection; that she cannot identify this person; that she glanced to look down Goodrich Avenue in a westerly direction and saw another man standing near the alley, which is between the apartment and the Summit School; that she also noticed a large automobile equipped with frost shields parked on Lexington Avenue, directly opposite her apartment; that she could not see how many men were in the car but did see one man; that the man on the street appeared to be paying no attention to one another, or to the occupants of the automobile; that a large car pulled up on Goodrich Avenue, headed east, apparently coming from the direction of the Summit School, and stopped at the arterial sign at Lexington Avenue; that, after the car stopped, the man who had been standing on the south side of the street, near the alley on Goodrich Avenue, ran out and got into the front seat of the car and, at the same time, the man who had been standing on the northeast corner, got into the front seat of the car on the north side, apparently pushing the driver over. She will state that she saw no scuffle but that the driver appeared to resent the fact that the men were getting into the car; that the car, which had been parked on the opposite side of the street, started south on Lexington Avenue and, when it got to the middle of the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, the driver stopped the car and got out and went to the other car but did not get in; that he returned to his car and drove south towards Highland Park, behind the car which the two strangers had entered, which car had turned south on Lexington Avenue. She will state that she is sure that the car which the two strangers entered was green in color.

(NOTE: This witness has stated that she cannot identify any of the parties, or automobiles; that she does not want to be a witness in any case and under no circumstances does she want her name to become known in connection with this matter.)

MRS. L. DEEMER,
115 South Lexington Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will state that on the morning of January 17, 1934, she saw a car parked in front of her home at about 8:30; that the car was probably either a Lincoln or Cadillac and was black in color and appeared to have some nickel trimming on it; that she did not notice how many men were in the car but did see a man seated in the driver's seat, who appeared to be quite tall and wore a gray cap; that she also noticed a man standing on the northwest corner of Goodrich and Lexington Avenues, who appeared to be forty years of age, of stocky build, with sandy hair and possibly a mustache; that he was wearing a dark overcoat and a light tan hat; that, when a large car approached the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues, coming from the direction of the Summit School, the man standing on the corner apparently signalled to the man seated in the car parked in front of her house; that this car started south on Lexington Avenue, and the man on the corner ran out into the street and got into the back car on Goodrich Avenue; that he got into the front seat on the north side of the car, which headed west; that she did not see any struggle and when both cars went away, they were headed south on Lexington Avenue. MRS. DEEMER has advised that she believes she could identify the man she saw standing on the corner.

JAMES QUINEHAN,
582 Aurora Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that on January 17, 1934, he was a driver for the Minnesota Milk Company; that between 8:15 and 8:30 on said morning, he was located on Goodrich Avenue, about a block from Lexington Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, and noticed that a large car had stopped on Goodrich at Lexington Avenue, and another large car was in front of the first car on Lexington, near the south intersection; that he saw two men get out of the car headed south on Lexington and walk back towards the car headed east on Goodrich; that he thought there had been an accident and the men were discussing it; that he saw one of the men get back into the car and the others got into the car to which they had walked. This witness has advised that he is unable to identify any of the parties as he was a block distant at the time of this incident.

MARTIN THORNTON,
1910 Edgumbe Road,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Will testify that between 8:50 and 9:00 o'clock on Wednesday morning, January 17, 1934, he observed from his second story window two dark colored sedan automobiles being driven at a slow rate of speed, very close together, on Edgumbe Road, going West; that, as these automobiles passed the THORNTON residence, MR. THORNTON noted that in the driver's seat of the car in front was a heavy set man with ruddy complexion and wearing a light colored overcoat; that the cars proceeded west on Edgumbe Road and disappeared over the hill. MR. THORNTON is unable to identify any of the parties seen in either of these cars.

JOHN T. COONEY,
1665 Wellesley Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Will advise that on the morning of January 17, 1934, he left his home, above noted, at about 8:10 A.M., and was making an effort to find an address on Dorr Avenue; that, being of the opinion that this street led off Edgumbe Road, he drove in that direction and just before passing the house of MARTIN THORNTON he saw two cars and three persons in the road; that before he reached the scene two of the people had got into the car and one was standing in the road; thinking that they were residents of the community, he inquired as to the location of Dorr Avenue and the person standing in the road looked at him and got into the car without making any reply, and drove away leaving the other car near the roadside. The car, which he observed in particular, was a black sedan, the make of which he did not observe. He estimates that this incident occurred at approximately 8:20 A.M., on January 17, 1934, and that the scene was laid a short distance west of MR. THORNTON'S residence at 1910 Edgumbe Road, which, it is noted, is the approximate point where the Lincoln Sedan of Victim Bremer was recovered.

MR. COONEY cannot identify any photographs of the BARKER-KARPIS GANG but believes that the photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS resembles the man to whom he directed his inquiries.

BILL RITTER,
50 Central Terrace,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will advise that on the morning of January 17, 1934, between 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock, he left his residence to go to a corner store on Central Avenue, to purchase a box of snuff; that, as he left his house, a large car, which he believes to have been a 1929 or 1930 Hudson Sedan with a trunk on the back, came up Central Terrace at a high rate of speed and turned into Harriett Avenue, this being the street which runs alongside of Walter Magee's office. RITTER will state that this car contained three men and stopped in front of the driveway into Magee's garage; that one of the individuals got out of the car, at which time, he observed that this individual had a package, or letter, in his hand and walked towards the garage; that he, RITTER, continued to the store and, as he returned, the car drove away, turned left into Central Avenue, and then right on Rice Street; that he, RITTER, was unable to see the two individuals who remained in the car but will state that the man who left the car and walked towards the garage was about 5' 6" or 7" in height, and was wearing a light overcoat and hat. RITTER has partially identified the photograph of ARTHUR BARKER as resembling the individual.

WALTER MAGEE, residence,
1916 Summit Avenue,
Business: 118 West Central Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on January 17, 1934, while at his office at 118 West Central Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, he received a telephone call at approximately 10:20 A.M., from an individual who stated that it was McKEE calling; that this individual informed him that they had snatched his friend ED BREMER and demanded two hundred grand; that the individual also informed him that a note would be found giving further instructions near a stairway on the premises at 118 West Central Avenue; that the individual further informed by telephone that Victim ED BREMER'S car could be found near the Snelling Water Tower; that immediately upon the completion of this telephone call, he went to the side of the building in which his office is located, and there, under a side door, found a ransom note addressed to him as CHAS. MCGEE, which he will identify, and which reads as follows:

* Mr. Chas. McGee

You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking. Don't try to cross us. Your future and B'S are the important issue. Follow these instructions to the letter.

Police have never helped in such a spot and wont this time either. You better take care of the payoff first and let them do the detecting later. Because the police usually butt in your friend isnt none to comfortable now so don't delay the payment.

We demand \$200,000.
Payment must be made in 5 and 10 dollar bills--no new money--
no consecutive numbers -- large variety of issues.

Place the money in two large suit box eatons big enough to hold the full amount and tie with heavy cord.

No contact will be made until you notify us that you are ready to pay as we direct.

You place an ad in the Minneapolis Tribune as soon as you have the money ready. Under personal colum (We are ready Alice)

You will then receive your final instructions. Be prepared to leave at a minutes notice to make the payoff.

Dont attempt to stall or outsmart us, Dont try to bargain,
Dont plead poverty we know how much they have in their banks,
Dont try to communicate with us we'll do the directing.

Threats arent necessary--you just do your part--we guarantee
to do ours.

Mr. Chas McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

(Signed) E.G. Bremer
Deal only when signature is used.

Chas. McGee. Personal.

The above ransom note bore the signature of E.G. BREMER. This witness
will further testify that immediately upon finding the note from the kidnapers,
he communicated with the Commercial State Bank and ascertained that ED BREMER
was not at the bank at that time. He then communicated with ADOLPH BREMER,
EDWARD'S father, and informed him of the circumstances; that, after a short
conference with ADOLPH BREMER, he went to the vicinity of the Snelling Water
Tower, in company with ADOLPH BREMER, where he located ED BREMER'S Lincoln
Sedan. This witness will further testify that on the evening of January 25,
1934, ADOLPH BREMER delivered to him a claim check for baggage which had been
left at the Union Bus Depot at St. Paul, Minnesota, and upon presenting this
claim check at the Union Bus Depot, he obtained a black zipper bag, which bag
contained a pillow and an additional note which read as follows:

*TO THE PAYOFF MAN

From here on you are to assume the name of John B. Brakeham
Take the money and get on the Bus leaving this station at

8:40 pm. tonight for Des Moines

Dont travel any other way but on this BUS

Register at Fort Des Moines hotel under above name.

If your planning a double cross DONT GO ANY FURTHER.

REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR A PAYOFF.

IF THERE ARE COPPERS TAILING YOU DONT GO.

Mr. Chas. McGee or payoff man

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety.
I am responsible for the full amount of the money

(Signed) E.G. Bremer

The notes bore the signature of E.G. BREMER. This witness will identify this note as having been obtained by him from the zipper bag which he obtained at the Union Bus Depot. This witness will also testify that on the evening of February 6, 1934, in accordance with instructions received by Mr. ADOLPH BREMER, he obtained from his home his wife's Ford Sedan, which he drove to a parking lot in the rear of the Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company; that from this point he drove to St. Clair and 7th Streets, where he was met by ADOLPH BREMER, JR., and ransom money contained in two suit boxes was transferred to the car which he was driving. He then drove in a circuitous route to 969 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving at this point at approximately 8:00 P.M., where he found parked in front of this address, a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe bearing "SHELL" Oil Company signs on each door, at which point he transferred the ransom money from his wife's automobile, which he had been driving, to the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, entered the car and found in the left hand door pocket, the keys to the car, and an additional note, which he will testify from his recollection, read as follows:

"Go to Farmington, Minnesota. The Rochester bus will arrive there at 9:15 P.M. and leave at 9:25 P.M. Follow one hundred yards in back of this bus, when it leaves Farmington until you come to four red lights on the left of the road; turn on the first road to the left and proceed at fifteen miles per hour until you see five flashes of lights; then stop and deposit packages of money on right hand side of road. Leave the two notes; get in car and go straight ahead."

This witness will testify that these instructions were typewritten that there was enclosed in the envelope of instructions a Western Union card belonging to EDWARD GEORGE BREMER. He will testify that in the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe he proceeded to Farmington, Minnesota, from there followed the bus to Cannon Falls, to Zumbrota, and that when about four or five miles out of Zumbrota, he saw four red lights on the left side of the road on the bank of a

hill through which a road had been cut; that he immediately applied the brakes on the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which he was driving, and about three hundred feet behind the point where he saw the lights, he came to a gravelled road leading to the left and turned on to this road and proceeded slowly; that he had proceeded along this road approximately one-half mile, when a car pulled in behind him and he saw the head lights flash five times; that he stopped the car he was driving, walked around the rear of the car, opened the door on the right side, took out the two suit boxes and placed them on the right hand side of the road. The witness will further testify that the note of instructions, the envelope which contained the note of instructions, and a note written by ADOLPH BREMER to the kidnapers was placed with the boxes of money; that the car which had flashed the lights five times stopped when he stopped only a short distance away and kept the headlights shining on him when he removed the two suit boxes containing the money from the Chevrolet Coupe. This witness will further testify that upon delivery of the two suit boxes containing the money at the side of the road described above, at approximately 11:15 P.M., he re-entered his car and drove straight ahead, arriving in a small town (later learned to be Mazeppa, Minnesota) from where he proceeded to Goodhue, Minnesota, and proceeded to St. Paul by way of Zumbrota; that immediately upon arriving at St. Paul, Minnesota, he placed the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe, which he was driving and which he had obtained, in front of the address 929 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, in the private garage of ADOLPH BREMER, adjoining ADOLPH BREMER'S home. This witness will further testify that on February 8, 1934, he, in company with Special Agents in Charge Werner Hanni and Frank J. Blake, proceeded by the way of United States Highway #55 to Zumbrota, Minnesota, where they located the place where he had turned off of this highway to the left and that four signal lights, being three flashlights and a Light Master Pocket Lantern equipped with filmolens, were found resting on a large stone fastened with lumps of dirt and that Special Agent in Charge Hanni immediately took these lights into his possession. This witness will identify the two ransom notes received by him and will testify that they were delivered by him to ADOLPH BREMER. He will also identify a dark blue cap with long peak as being in the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe which he obtained at 969 University Avenue on the evening of February 6, 1934, lying on the shelf in the rear of the seat at the time he obtained this car.

This witness will further testify that on January 17, 1934, in company with ADOLPH BREMER, SR., he proceeded to the vicinity of the Snelling Water Tower, where he located the Lincoln Sedan of Victim EDWARD GEORGE BREMER parked on Edgumbe Road near the water tower; that he examined this car and found what appeared to be blood on the steering wheel, gear shift lever, the left door sill, the front seat, and the back of the front seat; that under his supervision this automobile was removed to his garage, where it was later examined by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni.

DR. H. T. NIPPERT, residence, 706 Lincoln Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Business: Lowry Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 20, 1934, at approximately 6:00 A.M., he was awakened by a crash which apparently occurred in his home, but that he paid no particular attention to this crash; that about 7:15 A.M., he and his wife arose and, while he was shaving, the maid called to have him answer the telephone; that he answered the telephone and a voice told him to go down to the vestibule of his home and see what he could find; that he immediately went downstairs and found that a bottle had been thrown through the plate glass front door and also found an envelope addressed to him, which apparently had been left under the door. He will further testify that he opened the envelope, found a note addressed to him signed by EDWARD BREMER, and also found two envelopes addressed to WALTER MAGEE and to MRS. EDWARD BREMER, which he delivered to ADOLPH BREMER. The ransom note, which was delivered to DR. NIPPERT, and which he subsequently delivered to ADOLPH BREMER, was addressed to CHAS. MCGEE, and reads as follows:

"Chas. McGee

You must be proud of yourself by now. If Bremer don't get back his family has you to thank. You've made it almost impossible but were going to give one more chance - the last.

First of all all coppers must be pulled off.

Second the dough must be ready.

Third we must have a new signal. When you are ready to meet our terms place a N.R.A. sticker in the center of each of your office windows. Well know if the coppers are pulled or not.

Remain at your office daily from noon until 8:00 p.m.

Have the dough ready and where you can get in within thirty minutes.

You will be instructed how to deliver it

The money must not be hot as it will be examined before Bremer is released

If Dahill is so hot to meet us you can send him out with the dough.

Well try to be ready for any trickery if attempted.

This is positively our LAST attempt. DONT duck it

Mr. Chas. McGee

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety.
I am responsible for the full amount of the money

E.G. Bremer

The above note was signed in ink, E.G. BREMER.

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C. A. STAHLMANN, residence, 1223 Niles,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

business address, 972 West 7th St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 22, 1934, at approximately 7:30 A.M., he arrived at the office of BEHRENS-WITTMAN COAL COMPANY, 972 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is employed as bookkeeper; that upon opening the door to the office, he found that an envelope with a typewritten address to WALTER MAGEE or ADOLPH BREMER had been left under the door. He will testify that approximately fifteen minutes later, upon the arrival of WILLIAM P. BEHRENS, at the office, he delivered this envelope to MR. BEHRENS.

WILLIAM P. BEHRENS,
residence, 2140 St. Clair Street,
business, 972 West 7th Street,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the morning of January 22, 1934, he arrived at the office of the BEHRENS-WITMAN COAL COMPANY, 972 West 7th Street, at approximately 7:45 A.M.; that immediately upon his arrival, C.A. STAHIMAN delivered to him, an envelope bearing typewritten address, WALTER MAGES or ADOLPH BREMER; that he opened this envelope and read the following typewritten note:

"Chas. Mages

If you can wait O.K. with us. You people shot a lot of curves trying to get somebody killed then the copper's will be heroes but Eddie will be the marteer. The copper's think that great but Eddie dont.

Were done taking the draws and you can go now.
From now on you make the contact. Better not try it till you pull off every copper, newspaper, and radio station. From now on you get the silent treatment until you reach us someway yourself. Better not wait too long."

This witness will testify that he immediately delivered this note, together with the envelope, to MR. ADOLPH BREMER at the office of the JACOB SCHMIDT BREWING COMPANY.

MRS. JOHN MILLER,
1209 Hague Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on the evening of January 25, 1934, while she was looking through the window of her home, she saw an individual approach the house and leave a can on the front porch but that she did not get a look at this individual, as he flashed a light on her as she stood in the window; that upon the departure of this party she went to the front porch and there found a Hill Brothers Coffee Can, which contained a note addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or ADOLPH BREMER. This witness will further testify that she did not read the note and immediately upon the arrival of her husband at the home she delivered this note to him. This witness will also identify the Hill Brothers Coffee Can in which the note was left on the front porch of her home.

The Hill Brothers Coffee Can, in question, is being forwarded to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, with copies of this report.

JOHN MILLER,
1209 Hague Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Will testify that some time between 6:00 and 7:00 P.M., on January 25, 1934, while he was at his recreation parlor, he received a telephone call from an unknown person, the following conversation ensuing:

Out Party:

"Hello, is this you, John? Say, I left a Hills' Brothers Coffee Can on your front porch. Take a cab out there immediately and take it to Adolph Bremer's home".

Miller:

"Is Adolph home?"

Out Party:

"I don't know, but take it there anyway. I know you will find him."

This witness will testify that he took a taxi cab to his home but he did not find the Hills' Brothers Coffee Can, since his wife had previously found it; that he got the coffee can from his wife, which contained the note, and that he took the note to Adolph Bremer's home immediately, giving it to Adolph Bremer in the presence of Walter Magee. Miller did not open or see the contents of this note. (This note contained claim check upon the Union Bus Depot, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a package left at the checkroom, at that point. This package was later secured and found to contain a black bag and a sofa pillow. Within this black bag was also found further instructions as to ransom negotiations.)

The note found in the Hills' Brothers Coffee Can was signed in ink by E.G. Bremer, and reads as follows:

YOUR LAST CHANCE

Chas. McGee or Adolph Bremer

You better stop listening to those asaholes this time do what we tell you.

The money must be delivered tonight.

With all the coniving we still got the boy

We keep our word. Either you get him back tonight or the coppers bring him back stiff

Dont stall. Dont ask questions. Follow our instructions. Your the only one that can make the plan fail

Bring the money and this tag to the Jefferson lines Bus Station
tonight at 8.20 pm sharp.

This tag is for baggage checking locker in the waiting room. Inside
of HANDBAG are farther instructions Dont open this BAG even one
minute before 8.20 pm It is watched.

REMEMBER

If this payoff fails we are through forever

You are watched from the time you start.

Its up to you--you get the boy alive or dead.

Mr. Walter or Adolph

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my safety.
I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

Signed: E.G. BREMER

ARTHUR MURRAY,
New Hotel Brunswick,
Faribault, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that about two weeks prior to the release of EDWARD BREMER, a man called at the New Hotel Brunswick in Faribault, Minnesota, who was dressed in overalls or rough clothing and appeared to be a farmer, or someone dressed as a farmer, and stated to him that this individual's father would arrive at Faribault, Minnesota, on the 10:30 P.M. bus from the Twin Cities; that his father was ill and had forgotten to bring his medicine with him; that the man gave him a package which supposedly contained medicine, and asked him to give the package to the gentleman who would arrive on the 10:30 bus and whose name, as appeared on the package, was JOHN B. BRAKEHAM; that this individual immediately left the hotel following this conversation but returned to the hotel a short time before the bus arrived and stated that his father had telephoned that he had missed the bus; that this individual requested him to hold the package until someone called for it.

This witness will further testify that this package was held for about a month; and as no one called for it, it was opened by his mother, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, at which time it was found to contain a ransom note addressed to JOHN B. BRAKEHAM.

The corn meal box in which this note was delivered with be forwarded to the United States Attorney's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, prior to the date of trial.

MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY,
New Hotel Brunswick,
Faribault, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that she opened a package addressed to JOHN B. BRAKEESHAM which had been left at the New Hotel Brunswick, and found in this package a corn meal box containing a ransom note, purporting to have been signed in ink by E. G. BREMER. This witness will identify the following ransom note which was contained in the corn meal box:

"Chas. McGee or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeesham)

We now cancel previous instructions

Follow these new instructions

Take the money and get off this Bus at the next town called
Owatonna.

About 50 foot west of where this bus stops at the station

You will find a 1933 Chevrolet coupe

The car is black and has a black tire cover with a round
white spot painted in the center of the cover

Place the money in this car and get into it at once

Your next instructions are on the steering post of the car

Mr. Chas. McGee (John B. Brakeesham)

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible for my
safety. I am responsible for the full amount of the money.

E. G. Bremer (signature)

This witness will further testify that this note was delivered by
her to her husband, MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY, on March 31, 1934.

MR. GEORGE M. MURRAY,
New Hotel Brunswick,
Faribault, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on March 31, 1934, he received from his wife, MRS. GEORGE M. MURRAY, a ransom note addressed to CHAS. MCGEE or Payoff Man (John B. Brakeham); that he forwarded this note on March 31, 1934, to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension at St. Paul, Minnesota.

FATHER DEERE,
Prior Lake, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that at approximately 4:30 P.M., on Tuesday, February 5, 1934, a man came to the door of his home at Prior Lake, Minnesota, and asked if he were FATHER DEERE. He answered in the affirmative. The man then asked if he knew a family by the name of BREMER, to which he then replied in the affirmative. The individual then asked if he could get to St. Paul, Minnesota, by 6:00 o'clock, to which he replied, "Yes". This witness will further testify that the individual had the door of his residence opened about six inches; that he wore a cap, the peak of which came down over his forehead, covering his eyes and ears; also that he wore a cloth jacket similar to that worn by railroad men with pickets in the side and that after the conversation, this individual thrust an envelope into his hand, which envelope contained a note addressed to himself, signed, "EDWARD BREMER", telling him to deliver additional notes which were in the envelope to ADOLPH BREMER and to EDWARD BREMER'S wife. FATHER DEERE will identify the following note which was delivered to him by this individual, which is signed in ink, "E.G. BREMER":

"Chas. McGee or Honest Adolph

The coppers jinned the last payoff. Maybe you was in on it maybe not. Well know for sure next time. So we give you the benefit of doubt. We got a way to find out this time so give you one more rattle.

No more assurance though that he's alive till we are assured that we get the dough. If we accept the dough you get him back alive. Thieves are not so foxy as bankers but they're usually more honorable.

This is just a notice that you get one more note that's all.

Get the dough ready stay ready at all time and go through without the coppers or suffer the results.

Keep the money somewhere besides the bank so you won't be followed when you go to payoff.

You will hear soon but you must be ready to leave at once.

ITS THIS TIME OR NEVER."

(Above note typewritten, with errors as set out. On reverse side is following):

*Adolph Bremer,

We are now dealing with you as you requested.

We don't care nothing about you 72 hours grace.

We want the dough.

Tonight is the last chance we take.

You must follow these instructions to the letter

\$500,000.00 is the price if you don't.

Here are the first part of directions

THE PAYOFF MAN MUST GO ALONE.

AT 8:00 PM START TONIGHT THE PAYOFF MAN MUST BE

969 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WITH THE MONEY

ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS HE WILL FIND

A BLACK CHEVROLET COUPE WITH SKILL GAS SIGNS ON THE
DOORS AND TIRE COVER.

The KEYS FOR CAR AND FARTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN THE
SIDE POCKET OF THE CAR

READ INSTRUCTIONS. GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE AS INSTRUCTED

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SIMPLE BUT MUST BE TIMED EXACTLY

IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ED AGAIN,

THE IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PLAN IS THAT YOU DO
NOT GO NEAR THIS CAR ONE MINUTE BEFORE 8:00 PM

AS WE WATCH

YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME

Mr CHAS McGEE or ADOLPH BREMER.

I have named you as payoff man. You are responsible
for my safety. I am responsible for the money

(Signed) E.G. Bremer

FATHER DEERE will also testify that immediately upon receiving this note he proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he delivered the note to MR. ADOLPH BREMER.

MISS LILLIAN L. DICKMAN,
Residence, 1085 Cortland Street,
Business, Commercial State Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on February 5, 1934, between 7:30 and 8:00 P.M., a man came to the back door of her home at 1085 Cortland Street; that she answered this individual's knock at the back door and upon opening the door the man said, "Are you Lillian Dickman?" to which she replied in the affirmative; that the individual then handed her a note and said it was very important and in substance for her to take care of it. The note which was delivered to Miss Dickman was written in pen and ink and signed, "As Always Ed". MISS DICKMAN will identify this note which reads as follows:

"My Dear Lil;

As my old standby I am calling on you to do something for me that it seems no-one else can do. I must get the enclosed letter to my father -- unopened -- & I know if I intrust it in your care it will be done. I suppose you know that my father has made a special appeal to everybody police & government officers included to lay off for three days so that he can make his own arrangements to get me back. Now the next thing is -- is to get the instructions to him -- & you old pal will not fail me I know.

As soon as you receive this note take it to my father -- please. Be sure that no-one knows that you have received it. When take it don't say anything about it. If anyone stops you to ask you what you want tell them you have some bank matters to take up with him or anything else you want to tell him but don't let on about this letter. When you get to see my father be sure you are alone with him when you give him the letter. I know I don't have to tell you any-more because you always understand.

Please girl hurry -- but don't loose your head -- I know you wont & I'm sure you'll do just as I ask you to. We always did understand each other.

Its a living hell here & the time I've been here seems like ages. Please do your part & I'm assured I'll be home soon -- Please Hurry & be careful.

As Always

ED "

This witness will also testify that there was enclosed in the note which she received, a note to ADOLPH BREMER, which note, however, she did not read.

ADOLPH BREMER, SR.,
Residence: 855 West Seventh Street,
Business: Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will testify as to the receipt by him of the various ransom notes which are outlined and which were delivered to him by the foregoing witnesses. He will also identify the signature in ink, "E.G. Bremer", appearing on these notes as being the signature of his son, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER; that he delivered these ransom notes to representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, St. Paul, Minnesota, for scientific treatment and safe keeping; that he issued instructions as to preparation of \$200,000.00 in \$5.00 and \$10.00 bills in keeping with the demands in various ransom notes; that he issued instructions to WALTER MAGEE as to the delivery of the ransom money on the night of February 5, 1934, in keeping with demands contained in a ransom note delivered to Father Deere, the Catholic Priest at Prior Lake, Minnesota, on February 5, 1934, the reverse side of which letter was directed to ADOLPH BREMER and which letter was delivered to ADOLPH BREMER by Father Deere; that on the evening of February 5, 1934, this money, which had previously been kept in the vault of the American National Bank, was removed to his home at 855 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time it was delivered to his son, ADOLPH BREMER, JUNIOR.

MR. FRED J. GODE,
Comptroller, American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Will testify that in keeping with instructions received by him, he, together with Mr. P. A. Smith, Cashier, American National Bank, prepared \$200,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills, which sum had been received by the American National Bank from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that a notation was made of the serial numbers on each of these bills, said list of serial numbers being prepared under his direct supervision; that he was assisted in the preparation of the list of serial numbers by Mr. P. A. Smith and the following young ladies who were clerical assistants in the American National Bank:

ADELINE ENGLAND

ROSE WOLD

ESTHER JACOBSON

MARGARET BENDZICK

AIMEE BOUGIE

LILLIAN TEIG

ELIZABETH WENDT

MARY MERTZ. (MARY MERTZ presently has heart trouble and may not be available.)

This witness will further state that he and Mr. P. A. Smith packed the \$200,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills, in two gray suit boxes, and that this money was temporarily retained in the vault of the American National Bank under Mr. Gode's personal supervision, until removed from said vault in said bank by Mr. P. A. Smith on the evening of February 5, 1934.

MR. P. A. SMITH,
Cashier, American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will state that he and FRED CODE, comptroller of the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, prepared \$200,000.00 in five and ten dollar bills, said money having been secured from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that the serial numbers on each of these bills were noted, and that from said notations a list of the serial numbers on all the ransom bills was made; that this original list is now and has at all times since its preparation been in his possession and will be presented by him upon service of a subpoena duces tecum; that after the \$200,000.00 was prepared it was packed in two large gray suit boxes, and placed by him in the vault of the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota. He will also testify as to the manner in which the list of serial numbers on the ransom bills was prepared by the use of clerical assistants. He will state that this sum of \$200,000.00 was retained in the vault of the American National Bank until the evening of February 5, 1934, when he personally removed this money to the home of ADOLPH BREMER, SR., 855 West Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, where he delivered said money to ADOLPH BREMER, JR..

ADELINE ENGLAND,
ROSE WOLD,
ESTHER JACOBSON,
MARGARET BENDZICK,
AIMEE BOUGH,
LILLIAN TRIG,
ELIZABETH WENDT,
(Of the American National Bank,
St. Paul, Minnesota.)

All of these young ladies are employees of the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, and were employed there during the months of January and February, 1934. They can testify that they served as clerical assistants to Mr. Fred Gode and Mr. P. A. Smith in preparing the serial numbers from the BREMER ransom bills, and that the results of their work were turned over by them to Mr. P. A. Smith.